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This report on Form 6-K contains a circular sent to Parthus shareholders, ADR holders and optionholders in connection with the pending combination of Parthus with Ceva, Inc., a copy of the listing particulars of Ceva, Inc. (to be renamed ParthusCeva) in connection with the listing of its common stock on the London Stock Exchange, and the related cover letters.

## **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

## PARTHUS TECHNOLOGIES PLC

Dated: September 18, 2002

By: /s/ ELAINE COUGHLAN
Elaine Coughlan
Chief Financial Officer

# THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION





Proposed combination of

# Parthus Technologies plc

and

Ceva, Inc.

THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. If you are in any doubt as to the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own financial advice immediately about the Scheme (including the Capital Repayment) from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial adviser who, if you are taking advice in Ireland, is authorised or exempted under the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995, as amended, or, if you are taking advice in the United Kingdom, is authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 of the United Kingdom, or from another appropriately authorised independent financial adviser.

If you are a Parthus Shareholder and/or a Parthus ADS holder and have sold or otherwise transferred all of your Parthus Shares and/or Parthus ADSs, please send this document and the accompanying documents at once to the purchaser or transferee, or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected, for transmission to the purchaser or transferee. If you have sold or otherwise transferred some of your Parthus Shares and/or Parthus ADSs, you should immediately consult the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected.

This document should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Listing Particulars relating to Ceva, Inc. (to be renamed ParthusCeva, Inc.), which have been prepared in accordance with the listing rules made under section 74 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 of the United Kingdom.

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### Parthus Technologies plc



# Proposed combination of Parthus Technologies plc

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Ceva, Inc.

by means of a

# SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT including a CAPITAL REPAYMENT

under sections 72 and 201 of the Companies Act, 1963 of Ireland

Notices of the Extraordinary General Meeting, the First Shareholder Court Meeting, the Second Shareholder Court Meeting, the First Optionholder Court Meeting, the Second Optionholder Court Meeting, the Third Optionholder Court Meeting, the Goldman Sachs Court Meeting and the Designated Shareholder Court Meeting, all of which will be held on 26 September 2002, are set out on pages 62 to 71 of this document.

Parthus Shareholders and Parthus Optionholders are asked to complete and return the relevant enclosed forms of proxy in accordance with the instructions printed thereon as soon as possible, but in any event so as to be received by Capita Corporate Registrars Plc, Unit 5, Manor Street Business Park, Manor Street, Dublin 7, Ireland, not later than 48 hours before the relevant meeting. If forms of proxy for the Court Meetings are not lodged by then, they may be handed to the Chairman of the relevant Court Meeting before the start of such Court Meeting. The action to be taken by Parthus Shareholders and Parthus Optionholders is detailed on page 12 of this document. The action to be taken by Parthus ADS holders is detailed on page 27 of this document.

Goldman Sachs International, which is regulated in the United Kingdom by the Financial Services Authority, is acting for Parthus in connection with the Combination, the Scheme and the Capital Repayment and for no-one else (except in its capacity as joint sponsor of ParthusCeva in relation to the application for listing of the ParthusCeva Shares, where it is acting for ParthusCeva and no-one else) and will not be responsible to anyone else for providing the protections afforded to customers of Goldman Sachs International or for providing advice in relation to the Combination, the Scheme or the Capital Repayment.

Morgan Stanley & Co. Limited, which is regulated in the United Kingdom by the Financial Services Authority, is acting for DSPG and Ceva in connection with the Combination and the Scheme and for no-one else (except in its capacity as joint sponsor of ParthusCeva in relation to the application for listing of the ParthusCeva Shares, where it is acting for ParthusCeva and no-one else) and will not be responsible to anyone else for providing the protections afforded to customers of Morgan Stanley or for providing advice in relation to the Combination or the Scheme.

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Latest time for lodging forms of proxy for the:	
Extraordinary General Meeting	10:00 a.m. on 24 September <sup>1</sup>
First Shareholder Court Meeting	10:10 a.m. on 24 September <sup>1</sup>
Second Shareholder Court Meeting	10:20 a.m. on 24 September <sup>1</sup>
First Optionholder Court Meeting	10:30 a.m. on 24 September <sup>1</sup>
Second Optionholder Court Meeting	10:40 a.m. on 24 September <sup>1</sup>
Third Optionholder Court Meeting	10:50 a.m. on 24 September <sup>1</sup>
Goldman Sachs Court Meeting	11:00 a.m. on 24 September <sup>1</sup>
Designated Shareholder Court Meeting	11:10 a.m. on 24 September <sup>1</sup>
Extraordinary General Meeting	10:00 a.m. on 26 September
First Shareholder Court Meeting	10:10 a.m. on 26 September <sup>2</sup>
Second Shareholder Court Meeting	10:20 a.m. on 26 September <sup>3</sup>
First Optionholder Court Meeting	10:30 a.m. on 26 September <sup>4</sup>
Second Optionholder Court Meeting	10:40 a.m. on 26 September <sup>5</sup>
Third Optionholder Court Meeting	10:50 a.m. on 26 September <sup>6</sup>
Goldman Sachs Court Meeting	11:00 a.m. on 26 September <sup>7</sup>
Designated Shareholder Court Meeting	11:10 a.m. on 26 September <sup>8</sup>
Initial High Court application on petition to sanction the Scheme	2 October
Latest time for exercise of Parthus Options	10:00 p.m. on 15 October
High Court hearing of petition to sanction the Scheme	16 October
Scheme Record Time	10:00 p.m. on 16 October9
Effective Date of the Scheme	17 October <sup>9</sup>
Commencement of dealings in ParthusCeva Shares	2:30 p.m. on 17 October <sup>9</sup>

#### Notes:

- It is requested that forms of proxy for the Court Meetings be lodged at least 48 hours prior to the appointed time for the relevant Court Meeting, although forms of proxy not so lodged may be handed to the Chairman of the relevant Court Meeting before the start of such Court Meeting and will still be valid. Forms of proxy for the Extraordinary General Meeting must be lodged at least 48 hours prior to the Extraordinary General Meeting. Proxies for the Extraordinary General Meeting not submitted by this time will not be valid.
- 2 Or as soon thereafter as the Extraordinary General Meeting shall have concluded or been adjourned.
- 3 Or as soon thereafter as the First Shareholder Court Meeting shall have concluded or been adjourned.
- 4 Or as soon thereafter as the Second Shareholder Court Meeting shall have concluded or been adjourned.
- 5 Or as soon after as the First Optionholder Court Meeting shall have been concluded or been adjourned.
- 6 Or as soon thereafter as the Second Optionholder Court Meeting shall have concluded or been adjourned.
- 7 Or as soon thereafter as the Third Optionholder Court Meeting shall have been concluded or been adjourned.
- 8 Or as soon thereafter as the Goldman Sachs Court Meeting shall have concluded or been adjourned.
- 9 These dates are indicative only and will depend, inter alia, on the date upon which the High Court sanctions the Scheme.

#### **ENCLOSURES**

All Parthus Shareholders, Parthus ADS holders and Parthus Optionholders will find enclosed with this document a letter from the Chief Executive Officer of Parthus and the Listing Particulars.

All Parthus Shareholders will also find enclosed with this document:

- a white form of proxy for use at the Extraordinary General Meeting;
- a blue form of proxy for use at the First Shareholder Court Meeting; and
- a green form of proxy for use at the Second Shareholder Court Meeting.

Parthus Optionholders who hold options that may be repriced in connection with the Combination will also find enclosed with this document a yellow form of proxy for use at the First Optionholder Court Meeting.

Parthus Optionholders who hold options that are not to be repriced in connection with the Combination will also find enclosed with this document an orange form of proxy for use at the Second Optionholder Court Meeting.

All Parthus Optionholders will also find enclosed with this document a purple form of proxy for use at the Third Optionholder Court Meeting.

All Parthus ADS holders will also find enclosed with this document:

- a voting instruction card; and
- a postage paid return envelope.

Parthus Shareholders who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group will also find enclosed with this document a pink form of proxy for use at the Goldman Sachs Court Meeting.

Holders of the Designated Shares will also find enclosed with this document a red form of proxy for use at the Designated Shareholder Court Meeting.

Statements in this document regarding the proposed transaction among DSPG, Ceva and Parthus, including expectations with respect to the timetable for completing the transaction, future financial and operating results, potential benefits and synergies of the transaction, and future opportunities for the combined company, as well as any other statements about the future expectations, beliefs, goals, plans or prospects of the managements of DSPG, Ceva or Parthus, constitute "forward-looking" statements. Any statements that are not statements of historical fact (including statements containing the words "believe", "plan", "anticipate", "expect", "estimate" and similar expressions) should also be considered to be forward-looking in nature. There are a number of important factors that could cause actual results or events to differ materially from those indicated by such forward-looking statements, including the ability of management to successfully integrate the operations and employees of Parthus and Ceva, the ability to realise anticipated synergies and cost savings, decreases in demand for semiconductor products and other factors described in Parthus' Annual Report on Form 20-F (as amended) and DSPG's Annual Report on Form 10-K, each for the calendar year 2001. DSPG, Ceva and Parthus disclaim any intention or obligation to update any forward-looking statements as a result of developments occurring after the date of this document.

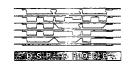
Nothing contained in this document shall constitute an offer to sell or issue, or a solicitation of any offer to purchase or subscribe for any shares in DSPG or Parthus, nor shall it form the basis of, or be relied upon in connection with, any contract for such purchase or subscription.

The ParthusCeva Shares to be issued pursuant to the Scheme will not be registered under the Securities Act, and will be issued in reliance upon the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act provided by Section 3(a)(10) thereof.

#### PART 1

#### JOINT LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMEN OF PARTHUS AND DSPG





2 September 2002

To Parthus Shareholders, Parthus ADS holders and Parthus Optionholders

Dear Shareholder, ADS holder and Optionholder,

#### Proposed combination of Parthus and Ceva

On 5 April 2002, the boards of Parthus and DSPG announced that they had agreed the terms of a proposed combination of Parthus and Ceva, the company which will, following the Spin-off, operate the DSP cores licensing business of DSPG. The combined company will be called ParthusCeva, Inc. We are delighted that we are now able to write to you with full details of the Combination.

The Combination will bring together the expertise of a provider of DSP architecture with the expertise of a supplier of complete platform-level semiconductor IP solutions, to form what we believe will be a leading independent provider of DSP-based IP solutions. The combined company will have a customer base that includes many of the world's largest semiconductor companies and OEMs and will be able to offer an integrated IP solution—including communications, applications and multi-media IP built around DSP core technology.

ParthusCeva will be headquartered in San Jose, California, United States, and will have principal offices in Dublin, Ireland, and Herzeliya, Israel. The board of directors of ParthusCeva will comprise eight members, including five non-executive directors. The management will include executive officers of both Parthus and Ceva.

Ceva was formed as a Delaware corporation in November 1999 and is a wholly owned subsidiary of DSPG. It is anticipated that the transfer of the DSP cores licensing business from DSPG to Ceva, including the transfer of related assets, liabilities and intellectual property rights and approximately US\$40 million in cash, and the distribution by DSPG of all the then issued Ceva Shares to the Stockholders of DSPG will be completed immediately prior to the Combination becoming effective.

Under the terms of the Combination and the Capital Repayment, Parthus Shareholders will receive ParthusCeva Shares representing approximately 49.9% of the ParthusCeva Shares in issue immediately after completion of the Combination, together with an aggregate payment by way of a repayment by Parthus of capital of US\$60 million (approximately £39.2 million or €61.2 million). The Capital Repayment will be paid to Parthus Shareholders in sterling provided that a Parthus Shareholder may elect to be paid in euro. Details of what exchange rate will be applied to all payments, and how a Parthus Shareholder can elect to be paid in euro, can be found in paragraph 4(c) of Part 3 of this document. Assuming that all Parthus Options which are, at the date of this document, in-themoney and capable of being exercised are exercised, Parthus Shareholders will receive approximately:

#### US\$9.98 plus 1.50 ParthusCeva Shares for every 100 Parthus Shares

held by Parthus Shareholders at the Scheme Record Time and so in proportion for any other number of Parthus Shares then held and otherwise on the terms and conditions set out in this document. Fractional entitlements of ParthusCeva Shares shall not be issued and in lieu of such fractional entitlements Parthus Shareholders shall receive from ParthusCeva an amount in cash (without interest) equal to such fractional entitlement multiplied by the average of the high and low reported closing prices of ParthusCeva Shares on Nasdaq on the first five days on which ParthusCeva Shares are quoted on Nasdaq. Such payment will be made in the same currency as the Capital Repayment is made.

Parthus Optionholders should read paragraphs 5.3 and 9 of Part 3 of this document, which contains further important information which is relevant to them.

Parthus ADS holders should read paragraph 11 of Part 3 of this document, which contains further important information which is relevant to them.

The Combination has the unanimous support and recommendation of the boards of Parthus, Ceva and DSPG. We urge you to support the Combination and, if you are a Parthus Shareholder, to vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting and the Shareholder Court Meetings and, if you are a Parthus Optionholder, to vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the relevant Optionholder Court Meetings.

The Parthus Directors intend to vote in favour of all such resolutions in respect of their own beneficial holdings, which amount in aggregate to 158,788,522 Parthus Shares and 13,098,490 Parthus Options. This represents as at 27 August 2002 (the last practicable day before publication of this document), approximately:

- 26.86% of the votes capable of being cast at the EGM and the First Shareholder Court Meeting;
- 28.09% of the votes capable of being cast at the Second Shareholder Court Meeting;
- 13.38% of the votes capable of being cast at the First Optionholder Court Meeting;
- 4.61% of the votes capable of being cast at the Second Optionholder Court Meeting; and
- 12.15% of the votes capable of being cast at the Third Optionholder Court Meeting

We look forward to welcoming you as a shareholder in ParthusCeva.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Peirce

Chairman

Parthus Technologies plc

Eli Ayalon *Chairman* 

DSP Group, Inc.

#### PART 2

#### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF PARTHUS



Directors:
Michael Peirce (Non-executive Chairman)
Brian Long
Peter McManamon
Kevin Fielding
William McCabe (Non-executive)
Sven-Christer Nilsson (Non-executive)

2 September 2002

To Parthus Shareholders, Parthus ADS holders and Parthus Optionholders

Dear Shareholder, ADS holder and Optionholder,

#### Proposed combination of Parthus and Ceva

#### 1. Introduction

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On 11 July 2002, the IRS issued the Tax Ruling to DSPG which allows for the Spin-off to be effected on a taxfree basis to DSPG and its shareholders. Accordingly, the last pre-condition set out in the announcement of 5 April 2002 has been met.

I am pleased to now be writing to you to recommend the Combination, to seek your approval for the Combination and to explain the action you should take. I draw your attention to the letter from Goldman Sachs International set out in Part 3 of this document which gives details of the Combination. I also draw your attention to the letter from Morgan Stanley addressed to the Ceva Directors set out in Part 4 of this document which gives details of the estimated value of the ParthusCeva Shares (prior to the Combination) that Parthus Shareholders will receive pursuant to the Combination and to Part 7 of this document which sets out certain additional information. This document should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Listing Particulars.

The Combination is being unanimously supported and recommended by your directors and has the unanimous support and recommendation of the Ceva Directors and the DSPG Directors.

#### 2. Reasons for the Combination

The Parthus Directors and the Ceva Directors believe that the Combination represents a significant opportunity to create a company which will be strongly positioned to become a leader in the market for DSP cores and platform-level IP, the core technologies for digital communication and multimedia devices.

Parthus and the Ceva Business have significant but complementary strengths in technology, geographic coverage and customer base. In particular, Parthus is an established provider of platform-level IP solutions (complete silicon and software intellectual property solutions) targeting key technologies related to the mobile Internet. Ceva is a licensor of DSP cores technology which is utilised in a number of products in markets such as wireless communications, mobile computing, automotive electronics, consumer entertainment, and computer networking. The Combination will create what we believe will be a leading independent provider of DSP-based IP solutions, with a customer base that includes many of the world's largest semiconductor companies and OEMs, able to offer an integrated IP solution including communications, applications and multi-media IP built around DSP cores technology.

ParthusCeva will be positioned to address two major industry trends. First, we believe there is currently a move away from traditional proprietary solutions and towards open standard RISC and DSP processor architectures. Second, increasing semiconductor product complexity and constrained time-to-market demands have led to a growth in the licensing of complete platform level IP solutions. We believe ParthusCeva will be well positioned to take advantage of these trends to become a leading supplier of open-standard DSP solutions.

Key strengths of ParthusCeva are expected to include:

- expertise in both DSP cores and platform-level IP solutions (including communications, applications and multi-media IP), that build around the DSP core;
- strong positioning in large and fast-growing markets such as wireless communications, mobile computing, automotive electronics, consumer entertainment and computer networking;
- strong product offerings including IP solutions for key applications such as wireless communications (Bluetooth, 802.11, 2.5G GSM/GPRS and 3G W-CDMA) and application processing and multimedia technologies (PDA/Smartphone for Microsoft, Symbian and Linux operating systems, mobile multimedia, GPS, VoIP and MP3);
- strategically strong position to exploit the anticipated industry shift toward the licensing of open-standard processor architectures;
- blue-chip semiconductor and OEM customers (including nine out of the top-10 semiconductor companies) with demonstrated customer retention and significant cross-selling opportunities;
- a global sales and marketing organisation and one of the largest research and development teams in the semiconductor IP industry; and
- a proven business model with scaleable, high margin revenues and pro forma combined net cash position in excess of US\$80 million.

#### 3. Board and management

The Combination provides the opportunity to draw on the current strength and depth of the management teams of Parthus and Ceva.

The executive directors of ParthusCeva will comprise:

- Eli Ayalon, currently Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of DSPG, who will serve as Chairman of ParthusCeva;
- Brian Long, currently Chief Executive Officer of Parthus, who will serve as Executive Vice Chairman of ParthusCeva; and
- Kevin Fielding, currently President of Parthus, who will become Chief Executive Officer of ParthusCeva.

The board of ParthusCeva will comprise eight members in total, including five non-executive directors. The initial five non-executives will be Zvi Limon, Bruce Mann, William McCabe, Sven-Christer Nilsson and Louis Silver. It is intended that Peter McManamon and I will stand down on the Combination taking effect.

The additional executive officers of ParthusCeva will include:

- Gideon Wertheizer, currently Executive Vice President of DSPG, who will become Executive Vice President-Business Development and Chief Technology Officer of ParthusCeva;
- Eoin Gilley, currently Chief Operating Officer of Parthus, who will become Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of ParthusCeva;
- Elaine Coughlan, currently Chief Financial Officer of Parthus, who will become the Chief Financial Officer of ParthusCeva;
- William McLean, currently Vice President-Sales of Parthus, who will become Vice President-Sales of ParthusCeva;
- Issachar Ohana, currently Vice President-Sales of the Core Licensing Division of DSPG, who will become Vice President and General Manager of the DSP Intellectual Property Licensing Division of ParthusCeva; and
- Bat-Sheva Ovadia, currently Vice President-Marketing and Business Development of DSPG, who will become Chief Scientist-DSP Technologies of ParthusCeva.

#### 4. Information on Ceva

Ceva is a wholly owned subsidiary of DSPG. Prior to the Combination, DSPG will contribute the Ceva Business to Ceva and will distribute all of the then issued Ceva Shares to the Shareholders of DSPG. The Ceva Business is a leading supplier of DSP cores to the semiconductor industry and its SmartCores<sup>™</sup> technology is the licensed DSP core of choice in the mobile phone market. The Ceva Business develops and licences designs of programmable DSP cores and DSP core-based sub-systems. A programmable DSP core is a special-purpose, software-controlled processor that, through complex mathematical calculations, analyses, manipulates and

enhances digital voice, audio and video signals. These chips are used in a wide variety of electronic devices, including digital mobile telephones, modems, hard disk drive controllers, MP3 players and digital cameras, and are critical to the performance of the electronic products in which they are used. A DSP core-based sub-system incorporates additional hardware blocks required as interfaces from the DSP core to the overall system.

Set out below are the audited balance sheet as at, and the audited income statement for the period ended on, 31 December 2001 and the unaudited balance sheet as at, and the unaudited income statement for the period ended on, 30 June 2002. These balance sheets and income statements should be read in conjunction with the notes to them (and the audit statement in relation to those that are audited) set out on pages F-15 and F-21 to F-39 of the Listing Particulars.

#### Consolidated balance sheet for Ceva

	31 December, 2001	30 June, 2002
	Audited	Unaudited
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Assets		
Current assets:	8,724	10,640
Long-term investments:	1,274	1,406
Property and equipment, net:	2,199	2,498
Total assets:	12,197	14,544
Liabilities and stockholders' equity and parent company investment		
Current liabilities:	6,728	4,585
Accrued severance pay:	1,124	1,221
Stockholders' equity and parent company investment:	4,345	8,734
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity and parent company		
investment:	12,197	<u>14,544</u>

#### Consolidated statements of income for Ceva

	Year ended December 31, 2001	6 months ended June 30, 2002
	Audited	Unaudited
	US\$'000	US\$'000
Revenues:	25,244	8,682
Cost of revenues:	1,251	616
Gross profit:	23,993	8,066
Operating expenses:	10,845	6,064
Operating income:	13,148	2,002
Financial income, net:	462	50
Income before taxes on income:	13,610	2,052
Taxes on income:	3,255	_542
Net income:	10,355	1,510

#### 5. Summary of the terms of the Combination

Under the terms of the Combination, Parthus Shareholders will receive ParthusCeva Shares representing approximately 49.9% of the issued ParthusCeva Shares in issue immediately after completion of the Combination, together with an aggregate payment by the way of the Capital Repayment of US\$60 million (approximately £39.2 million or € 61.2 million). The Capital Repayment will be paid to Parthus Shareholders in sterling, provided that a Parthus Shareholder may elect to be paid in euro. Details of what exchange rate will be applied to all payments, and how a Parthus Shareholder can elect to be paid in euro can be found in paragraph 4(c) of Part 3 of this document. Assuming that all Parthus Options which are, at the date of this document, in-themoney and capable of being exercised are exercised, Parthus Shareholders will receive approximately:

#### US\$9.98 plus 1.50 ParthusCeva Shares for every 100 Parthus Shares

held by Parthus Shareholders at the Scheme Record Time and so in proportion for any other number of Parthus Shares then held and otherwise on the terms and conditions set out in this document. Fractional entitlements of ParthusCeva Shares shall not be issued and in lieu of such fractional entitlements Parthus Shareholders shall receive from ParthusCeva an amount in cash (without interest) equal to such fractional entitlement multiplied by the average of the high and low reported closing prices of ParthusCeva Shares on Nasdaq on the first five days on which ParthusCeva Shares are quoted on Nasdaq. Such payments will be made in the same currency as the Capital Repayment is made.

Parthus Optionholders should read paragraphs 5.3 and 9 of Part 3 of this document, which contains further important information which is relevant to them.

Parthus ADS holders should read paragraph 11 of Part 3 of this document, which contains further important information which is relevant to them.

Ceva Shareholders will retain the Ceva Shares (which will be redesignated ParthusCeva Shares following the change of name of Ceva, Inc. to ParthusCeva Inc. in connection with the Combination) they receive in the Ceva Distribution and their rights will be unaffected. Upon completion of the Combination, Parthus will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of ParthusCeva.

#### 6. Structure of the Combination

The Combination is to be effected by way of a scheme of arrangement (including the Capital Repayment) under sections 72 and 201 of the 1963 Act and is subject to the conditions set out in Part 5 of this document.

#### 7. Details of the Scheme

The Scheme is a procedure pursuant to section 201 of the 1963 Act under which the High Court approves, *inter alia*, the cancellation of Parthus Shares, the issue of new Parthus Shares to ParthusCeva and the issue to Parthus Shareholders of new ParthusCeva Shares in return for the cancellation of the Parthus Shares. Under the Scheme, Parthus Shareholders will receive ParthusCeva Shares representing approximately 49.9% of the issued ParthusCeva Shares outstanding immediately after completion of the Combination. The Scheme is explained in more detail in Part 3 of this document and is set out in full in Part 6 of this document.

#### 8. Details of the Capital Repayment

As part of the Scheme, and following the approval of the High Court which will be sought by the Company, it is intended that US\$60 million (approximately £39.2 million or €61.2 million) will be returned to Parthus Shareholders as a High Court approved capital repayment pursuant to section 72 of the 1963 Act. The Capital Repayment will be effected by way of a reduction of Parthus' share premium account and payment to Parthus Shareholders of the amount of the reduction.

The Capital Repayment ensures that both Parthus and Ceva are contributing approximately equal cash balances to the combined entity. Following the Combination, ParthusCeva will have in excess of US\$80 million (£52.3 million or €81.6 million) in net cash.

#### 9. Proposed repricing of Parthus Options

The Company and Ceva have agreed to the repricing of certain Parthus Options, as described below. The repricing will only take place if DSPG receives the Supplemental Tax Ruling prior to the Effective Time. If DSPG does not receive the Supplemental Tax Ruling prior to the Effective Time, then no Parthus Options will be repriced.

If DSPG receives the Supplemental Tax Ruling prior to the Effective Time, then at the Effective Time, the exercise price of existing Parthus Options that have an exercise price in excess of US\$0.267 per Parthus Share (US\$2.67 per Parthus ADS) will be adjusted to US\$0.267 per Parthus Share (US\$2.67 per Parthus ADS). The exercise price of all other existing Parthus Options will be unaffected. Options for the acquisition of an aggregate of 92,726,680 Parthus Shares (9,272,668 Parthus ADSs) will be adjusted, which includes options to purchase an aggregate of 12,405,000 Parthus Shares (1,240,500 ADSs) held by Kevin Fielding, Peter McManamon and Sven-Christer Nilsson. Mr. Fielding and Mr. Nilsson will each serve as a director of ParthusCeva following the Combination.

The Company and Ceva have agreed (subject to receipt of the Supplemental Tax Ruling) to effect the adjustment in the exercise price of Parthus Options to create a performance-orientated environment for employees in ParthusCeva. Many of the Parthus Options had an exercise price significantly in excess of the market price of Parthus Shares on 24 July 2002, the date the Company and Ceva agreed to reprice the Parthus Options. Furthermore, the distribution of the Capital Repayment to Parthus Shareholders will further reduce the market price of Parthus Shares. As a result of the reduction in the market price of Parthus Shares, your board believes that without this repricing these Parthus Options will no longer be a meaningful incentive for Parthus employees. Generally, the exercise prices of Ceva's currently outstanding options are equal to or less than the anticipated market price of ParthusCeva Shares, based upon the terms of the Combination.

The repricing would permit both Parthus' and Ceva's employees to have an equally realistic possibility of participating in any increase in share value of ParthusCeva which the Parthus Directors and the Ceva Directors believe would enhance shareholder value by creating better performance incentives for, and thus increasing retention of, Parthus' employees.

The repricing of the Parthus Options is included within the terms of the Scheme, which is set out in full in Part 6 of this document.

#### 10. Changes to articles of association

The Company will also be seeking the approval of Parthus Shareholders for certain amendments to its articles of association, to enable the implementation of the Scheme. Details of these amendments are described in paragraph 5.4 of Part 3 of this document.

#### 11. Employees and business

Ceva has confirmed to Parthus that all existing employment rights, including pension rights, of employees of Parthus will be fully safeguarded.

Ceva has also confirmed that it has no intentions regarding any major changes to be introduced in the business of Parthus (including any redeployment of fixed assets of Parthus or its subsidiaries).

#### 12. Current trading

On 17 July 2002, the Company announced its unaudited consolidated interim results for the six months ended 30 June, 2002, which are contained in the Listing Particulars, starting at page F-41. Highlights include:

- total revenue increased 8% year-on-year to US\$21.5 million, up from US\$19.9 million in the first half of 2001
- licensing and royalty revenue grew 44% year-on-year to US\$18.8 million
- 13 new licensing and royalty agreements were signed;

- to 30 June 2002, the Company had signed a total of 87 licence deals, 59 with royalty agreements, with 56 customers; and
- strategic alliances expanded the Parthus portfolio with 2.5G/3G W-CDMA and W-LAN technologies.

In the limited time since 30 June 2002, your board believes that the Company's trading is continuing in accordance with their expectations. Parthus is currently implementing a reduction in workforce in connection with the rationalisation of two product lines. The reduction in workforce and realignment of resources is expected to result in the incurrence of a one-off restructuring charge during Parthus' third quarter of fiscal 2002 in the region of US\$3 million. However, there can be no assurance that the restructuring charge will not exceed that amount.

#### 13. Further information

Notices convening the Extraordinary General Meeting, the First Shareholder Court Meeting, the Second Shareholder Court Meeting, the First Optionholder Court Meeting, the Second Optionholder Court Meeting, the Third Optionholder Court Meeting, the Goldman Sachs Court Meeting and the Designated Shareholder Court Meeting are set out on pages 62 to 71 of this document. You should read the rest of this document, which contains important information to help you to decide how to vote. Please do not just rely on the information contained in this letter.

Parthus Optionholders should read paragraphs 5.3 and 9 of Part 3 of this document which contains further important information which is relevant to them.

Parthus ADS holders should read paragraph 11 of Part 3 of this document, which contains further important information which is relevant to them.

#### 14. Action to be taken

Implementation of the Scheme (including the Capital Repayment) will require the approval of Parthus Shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at 10:00 a.m. on 26 September 2002. The Scheme will also require the approval of various classes of Parthus Shareholders and Parthus Optionholders at the Court Meetings, each of which have been convened by order of the High Court and will be held one after the other following the Extraordinary General Meeting. If the Scheme becomes effective, it will be binding on all Parthus Shareholders and Parthus Optionholders, including any holders who did not vote to approve the Scheme.

Parthus Shareholders and Parthus Optionholders will find enclosed different coloured forms of proxy to be used in connection with the Extraordinary General Meeting and the relevant Court Meetings (as detailed on page 3 of this document under the heading "Enclosures"). Whether or not Parthus Shareholders or Parthus Optionholders intend to attend these meetings, they are requested to complete and sign each form of proxy enclosed with this document and return them in accordance with the instructions printed thereon to Capita Corporate Registrars Plc, Unit 5, Manor Street Business Park, Manor Street, Dublin 7, Ireland, so as to arrive as soon as possible and in any event at least 48 hours prior to the relevant meeting. If the forms of proxy relating to the relevant Court Meetings are not lodged by then, they may be handed to the Chairman of the relevant Court Meeting before the start of that Court Meeting. However, in the case of the Extraordinary General Meeting, unless the white form of proxy is lodged so as to be received by the time mentioned in the instructions on that form of proxy, it will be invalid.

The completion and return of the white form of proxy will not preclude Parthus Shareholders from attending the Extraordinary General Meeting and voting in person, if they so wish. The completion and return of a form of proxy for one of the Court Meetings will not preclude a Parthus Shareholder or a Parthus Optionholder from attending the relevant Court Meeting and voting in person, if they so wish.

It is important that, for the Court Meetings in particular, as many votes as possible are cast so that the High Court may be satisfied that there is a fair representation of Parthus Shareholder and Parthus Optionholder opinion. You are therefore strongly urged to sign and return all relevant forms of proxy as soon as possible.

Parthus Optionholders should read paragraphs 5.3 and 9 of Part 3 of this document, which contains further important information which is relevant to them.

Parthus ADS holders should read paragraph 11 of Part 3 of this document, which contains further important information which is relevant to them.

If you are in any doubt as to the action to be taken please contact the Parthus Combination Helpline on 01 810 2468 (or +353 1 810 2468, if telephoning from outside Ireland).

#### 15. Recommendation

The board of directors of Parthus, which has been so advised by Goldman Sachs International, considers the terms of the Combination and the Scheme, including the Capital Repayment, to be fair and reasonable to the Parthus Shareholders. In providing its financial advice, Goldman Sachs International has taken into account the Parthus Directors' commercial assessment of the merits of the Combination and the Scheme, including the Capital Repayment.

Accordingly, the board of directors of Parthus unanimously recommends that you support the Combination and the Scheme, including the Capital Repayment, by, if you are a Parthus Shareholder, voting in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting and the Shareholder Court Meetings and, if you are a Parthus Optionholder, voting in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the relevant Optionholder Court Meetings.

The Parthus Directors intend to vote in favour of all such resolutions in respect of their own beneficial holdings, which amount in aggregate to 158,788,522 Parthus Shares and 13,098,490 Parthus Options. This represents, as at 27 August 2002 (the last practicable day before publication of this document), approximately:

- 26.86% of the votes capable of being cast at the EGM and the First Shareholder Court Meeting;
- 28.09% of the votes capable of being cast at the Second Shareholder Court Meeting;
- 13.38% of the votes capable of being cast at the First Optionholder Court Meeting;
- 4.61% of the votes capable of being cast at the Second Optionholder Court Meeting; and
- 12.51% of the votes capable of being cast at the Third Optionholder Court Meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Peirce

Chairman

Parthus Technologies plc

#### PART 3

#### EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

(in compliance with section 202 of the 1963 Act)

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2 September 2002

To Parthus Shareholders, Parthus ADS holders and Parthus Optionholders.

Dear Shareholder, ADS holder and Optionholder,

#### Proposed combination of Parthus and Ceva

#### 1. Introduction

On 5 April 2002, the boards of Parthus and DSPG announced that they had agreed to the terms of a proposed combination of Parthus and Ceva, the company which will, following the Spin-off, operate the DSP cores licensing business of DSPG. The Combination is to be effected by means of a scheme of arrangement of Parthus under sections 72 and 201 of the 1963 Act, including the Capital Repayment. It is intended that the combined company will be called ParthusCeva.

Your attention is drawn to the joint letter from the Chairmen of Parthus and DSPG set out in Part 1 of this document and to the letter from the Chairman of Parthus set out in Part 2 of this document, each of which forms part of this Explanatory Statement. These letters contain, *inter alia*, information on the reasons for the Combination, the composition of the proposed board of directors and management of Parthus Ceva and the unanimous recommendation by the board of Parthus to Parthus Shareholders and Parthus Optionholders to vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting, the Shareholder Court Meetings and the Optionholder Court Meetings.

The Parthus Directors intend to vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting, the relevant Shareholder Court Meetings and the relevant Optionholder Court Meetings in respect of their own beneficial holdings, which amount in aggregate to 158,788,522 Parthus Shares and 13,098,490 Parthus Options.

This represents, as at 27 August 2002 (the last practicable day before publication of this document), approximately:

- 26.86% of the votes capable of being cast at the EGM and the First Shareholder Court Meeting;
- 28.09% of the votes capable of being cast at the Second Shareholder Court Meeting;
- 13.38% of the votes capable of being cast at the First Optionholder Court Meeting;
- 4.61% of the votes capable of being cast at the Second Optionholder Court Meeting; and
- 12.15% of the votes capable of being cast at the Third Optionholder Court Meeting.

Irrevocable undertakings to vote in favour of the resolutions to be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting and the Shareholder Court Meetings have been given by those persons referred to in paragraph 4.9 of Part 7 of this document over a total of 215,010,809 Parthus Shares (including those Parthus Shares beneficially held by Parthus Directors), representing approximately 36.37% of Parthus' issued share capital.

The Parthus Directors have been advised by Goldman Sachs International in connection with the Combination and the Scheme (including the Capital Repayment). We have been authorised by the Parthus Directors to write to you to explain the Scheme and to provide you with other relevant information.

The Scheme is set out in full in Part 6 of this document. Your attention is also drawn to Parts 4 and 7 of this document and to the information regarding Ceva and Parthus set out in the Listing Particulars.

#### 2. Summary of the terms of the Combination

Under the Combination, Parthus Shareholders will receive ParthusCeva Shares representing approximately 49.9% of the ParthusCeva Shares in issue immediately after completion of the Combination, together with an aggregate payment by way of the Capital Repayment of US\$60 million (approximately £39.2 million or €61.2 million). The Capital Repayment will be paid to Parthus Shareholders in sterling, provided that a Parthus Shareholder may elect to be paid in euro. Details of what exchange rate will be applied to all payments, and how a Parthus Shareholder can elect to be paid in euro, can be found in paragraph 4(c) of this Part 3. Assuming that all Parthus Options which are, at the date of this document, in-the-money and capable of being exercised are exercised, Parthus Shareholders will receive approximately:

#### US\$9.98 plus 1.50 ParthusCeva Shares for every 100 Parthus Shares

held by Parthus Shareholders at the Scheme Record Time and so in proportion for any other number of Parthus Shares then held and otherwise on the terms and conditions set out in this document. Fractional entitlements of ParthusCeva Shares shall not be issued and in lieu of such fractional entitlements Parthus Shareholders shall receive from ParthusCeva an amount in cash (without interest) equal to such fractional entitlement multiplied by the average of the high and low reported closing prices of ParthusCeva Shares on Nasdaq on the first five days on which ParthusCeva Shares are quoted on Nasdaq. Such payments will be made in the same currency as the Capital Repayment is made.

Parthus Optionholders should read paragraphs 5.3 and 9 of this Part 3, which contains further important information which is relevant to them.

Parthus ADS holders should read paragraph 11 of this Part 3, which contains further important information which is relevant to them.

Ceva Shareholders will retain the Ceva Shares (which will be redesignated ParthusCeva Shares following the change of name of Ceva, Inc. to ParthusCeva, Inc. in connection with the Combination) they receive following the Ceva Distribution and their rights will be unaffected. Upon completion of the Combination, Parthus will become a subsidiary of ParthusCeva.

The ParthusCeva Shares to be issued pursuant to the Scheme will be issued credited as fully paid and will rank pari passu in all respects with the existing ParthusCeva Shares, including the right to receive all dividends and other distributions declared, paid or made thereon from the date of issue.

Immediately following the Combination, Parthus Shareholders will hold approximately 49.9% and Ceva Shareholders will hold approximately 50.1% of the ParthusCeva Shares in issue.

#### 3. Financial effects of the Combination

The following shows (for illustrative purposes only and assuming the exercise of all Parthus Options which are, at the date of this document, in-the-money and capable of being exercised) the financial effects in euro for a holder of one hundred Parthus Shares if the Scheme becomes effective. No account is taken of fractional entitlements, or any liability to taxation, in assessing the financial effects of the Scheme becoming effective.

Each holder of 100 Parthus Shares at the Scheme Record Time will receive:

- a cash payment of €10.18 (approximately £6.52 or US\$9.98); and
- 1.50 ParthusCeva Shares, which on the basis of the Morgan Stanley valuation is valued at approximately €19.56 to €25.58 (£12.52 to £16.38 or US\$19.17 to US\$25.07), as at 27 August 2002, being the latest practicable date before publication of this document. Part 4 of this document contains the Morgan Stanley valuation, which assumes ParthusCeva is a standalone entity and has not merged with Parthus.
- The Morgan Stanley valuation would imply a value of approximately €117,664,101 to €153,868,439 (approximately £75,325,778 to £98,502,941 or US\$115,300,441 to US\$150,777,500) for the entire issued share capital (assuming all Parthus Options which are at the date of this document, in-the-money and capable of being exercised are exercised) of Parthus as at 27 August 2002, being the latest practicable date before publication of this document.

This amounts to an aggregate total consideration of €29.74 to €35.76 (approximately £19.04 to £22.89 or US\$29.15 to US\$35.04) per 100 Parthus Shares so held.

For details of exchange rates used in calculating the amounts detailed in this paragraph, please refer to paragraph 14 of Part 7 of this document.

Parthus ADS holders should read paragraph 11 of Part 3 of this document, which contains further important information which is relevant to them.

#### 4. Listings, dealings and settlement

Application has been made for the quotation of the ParthusCeva Shares on Nasdaq. Application has also been made to the UK Listing Authority for the ParthusCeva Shares to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for such shares to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities. The applications are expected to become effective and dealings in the ParthusCeva Shares on Nasdaq and the London Stock Exchange are expected to commence at 2:30 p.m. on the Effective Date which, subject to the approval of the High Court, is expected to be 17 October 2002.

Dealings in Parthus Shares will be suspended with effect from start of trading on the Effective Date. The existing listing of Parthus Shares on the Official List and their admission to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities, and the quotation of Parthus ADSs on Nasdaq, will then be cancelled immediately after admission of the ParthusCeva Shares to the Official List.

Subject to the Combination becoming effective (and except as provided in paragraph 10 of this Part 3 in relation to certain overseas Parthus Shareholders), settlement of the Capital Repayment and ParthusCeva Shares to which any Parthus Shareholder is entitled under the Combination will be effected in the following manner:

#### (a) Parthus Shares in uncertificated form (that is, in CREST)

To facilitate trading of ParthusCeva Shares in uncertificated form for those Parthus Shareholders who currently hold Parthus Shares in a stock account in CREST ("Uncertificated Holders"), ParthusCeva intends that the ParthusCeva Shares to which Uncertificated Holders will be entitled should initially be delivered, held and settled in CREST by means of the CREST International Settlement Links Service, and in particular CRESTCo's established link with The Depositary Trust & Clearing Corporation ("DTCC"), the US settlement and clearance system. This link operates via the services of CREST International Nominees, which is a participant in DTCC. Under the CREST International Settlement Links Service, CREST Depository Limited, a subsidiary of CRESTCo, issues dematerialised depository interests representing entitlements to non-UK securities such as ParthusCeva Shares, known as CREST Depository Interests ("CDIs"). CDIs are independent securities constituted under English law, which may be held and transferred through the CREST System. Details of the arrangements for the service are contained in the CREST International Manual (November 2001) issued by CRESTCo.

Accordingly, the ParthusCeva Shares to which Uncertificated Holders will be entitled will be transferred to CREST International Nominees' account at DTCC, and CREST Depository Limited will then issue CDIs (representing ParthusCeva Shares) to Capita Corporate Registrars Plc (as receiving agent), who will thereupon deliver through CREST to the appropriate stock account in CREST of the Uncertificated Holder concerned, such shareholder's entitlement to CDIs. The stock account concerned will be an account under the same participant ID and member account ID as the Uncertificated Holder currently has. Following distribution of the CDIs, holders of CDIs will be entitled to arrange for the transfer of their ParthusCeva Shares (as represented by CDIs) to other CREST holders, or to another participant in DTCC, if they so wish.

As from the Effective Date, each holding of Parthus Shares credited to any stock account in CREST will be disabled.

ParthusCeva reserves the right to settle all or any part of the ParthusCeva Shares referred to in this paragraph for all or any Uncertificated Holder(s) in certificated form in the manner referred to in paragraphs 4(b) and 4(c) below if, for any reason, it wishes to do so.

The relevant proportion of the Capital Repayment to which an Uncertificated Holder is entitled will be paid through CREST in cleared Central Bank funds in favour of the Uncertificated Holder's payment bank in respect of the amount due.

Parthus reserves the right to settle all or any part of the Capital Repayment referred to in this paragraph for all or any Uncertificated Holder by way of cheque in the manner referred to in paragraphs 4(b) and 4(c) below.

The crediting of CDI's and the payment of the Capital Repayment through CREST will take place no later than the expiry of the period of 14 days from the Effective Date.

The payment through CREST in relation to Uncertificated Holders and the despatch of cheques in relation to Certificated Holders shall be full satisfaction of the rights of a Parthus Shareholder in relation to the Capital Repayment.

Parthus Shareholders should note that they will have no rights in respect of ParthusCeva Shares or CDIs representing them against CRESTCo or its subsidiaries.

ParthusCeva intends to establish arrangements under which holders of CDIs will be able to receive notices of meetings of holders of ParthusCeva Shares and reports and accounts and other documents issued by ParthusCeva to its stockholders. CDIs do not currently enable the holders of CDIs to vote at stockholders meetings, but ParthusCeva intends to establish arrangements under which holders of CDIs will be able to give directions as to voting at future stockholder meetings in generally the same way as holders of ParthusCeva Shares held through DTCC are able to give directions as to voting in respect of their ParthusCeva Shares. A custody fee, as determined by CRESTCo, is charged to users for the use of CDIs.

#### (b) Parthus Shares in certificated form

Where, at the Scheme Record Time, a Parthus Shareholder holds Parthus Shares in certificated form ("Certificated Holder"), the ParthusCeva Shares to which such Certificated Holder is entitled will be issued in certificated form. Definitive certificates for ParthusCeva Shares will be despatched to Certificated Holders by first-class post (or by such other method as may be approved by the Panel) to the address appearing in the register of members of Parthus at the Scheme Record Time or to such other address of the holder as is notified as a change of address in writing by a Parthus Shareholder to the Company prior to the Effective Date and, in the case of joint holders, to the holder whose name stands first in such register in respect of the joint holdings concerned.

The relevant proportion of the Capital Repayment to which a Certificated Holder is entitled will be paid by the issue of a cheque in favour of the Certificated Holder.

Definitive certificates for ParthusCeva Shares and cheques for the Capital Repayment will be despatched to Certificated Holders not later than the expiry of the period of 14 days from the Effective Date.

#### (c) General

All documents and remittances sent by or to Parthus Shareholders, or as such persons shall direct, will be sent at their own risk and will be sent by post either to the holder's address as set out on the register of members at the Scheme Record Time or to such other address of the holder as is notified as a change of address in writing by a Parthus Shareholder to the Company prior to the Effective Date and in the case of joint holders, to the holder whose name stands first in such register in respect of the joint holdings concerned.

In relation to ParthusCeva Shares to be issued in certificated form, temporary documents of title will not be issued pending the despatch by post of definitive certificates for such ParthusCeva Shares as referred to in paragraph 4(b) above. Pending the issue of definitive certificates for such ParthusCeva Shares, former Parthus Shareholders wishing to register transfers of such ParthusCeva Shares will be required to produce their existing Parthus Share certificates to ParthusCeva's transfer agent (i) who in the case of UK resident holders of ParthusCeva Shares is Capita IRG Plc, Balfour House, 390-398 High Road, Ilford, Essex, IG1 1NQ, United Kingdom; and (ii) in the case of all other holders of ParthusCeva Shares is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, 6201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11219, USA. On the registration of any such transfers, the transferee will receive a new ParthusCeva Share certificate.

Once the definitive certificates for such ParthusCeva Shares have been issued, Parthus Shareholders will be bound on the request of Parthus to return their certificates for Parthus Shares to Parthus for cancellation.

Mandates in force at the Effective Date relating to the payment of dividends and other instructions given by Parthus Shareholders will, unless revoked, be deemed as from the Effective Date to relate to the corresponding ParthusCeva Shares.

Parthus Shareholders at the Scheme Record Time will receive their relevant proportion of the Capital Repayment (and cash in lieu of any fractional entitlement) in sterling, unless they elect to receive the payment in euro by application in writing to Capita Corporate Registrars Plc, Unit 5, Manor Street Business Park, Manor Street, Dublin 7, Ireland to be received prior to the Effective Date. All payments will be rounded down to the nearest whole penny or euro cent, as the case may be. The despatch of cheques to Certificated Holders entitled thereto and the payment through CREST to Uncertificated Holders entitled thereto shall take place no later than the expiry of the period of 14 days from the Effective Date. All payments will be made at the relevant exchange rate as shown by the noon buying rate as quoted on Bloomberg (CRNCY BQ) on the business day prior to: (i) in relation to payments to Uncertificated Holders, the day the payment is made through CREST; or (ii) in relation to payments to Certificated Holders, the day the cheques are despatched to Certificated Holders. The actual amount of sterling or euro, as the case may be, received by a Parthus Shareholder will depend upon the relevant prevailing exchange rate on the date funds are converted, which may not be the same exchange rate as was prevailing at the Effective Time.

Ceva has confirmed that, except as provided for in the Scheme or otherwise with the consent of the Panel, settlement of the ParthusCeva Shares and any other payment to which a Parthus Shareholder is entitled to receive from Ceva will be implemented in full without regard to any lien, right of set-off, counter claim or other analogous right to which Ceva may be, or claim to be, entitled against such shareholder.

Parthus ADS holders should read paragraph 11 of this Part 3, which contains further important information which is relevant to them.

#### 5. Structure of the Combination

#### 5.1 The Scheme

The Combination is to be effected by way of a scheme of arrangement of Parthus (including the Capital Repayment) under sections 72 and 201 of the 1963 Act.

As part of the Scheme, it is intended that US\$60 million (approximately £39.2 million or €61.2 million) will be returned to Parthus Shareholders as a High Court approved capital repayment pursuant to section 72 of the 1963 Act. The Capital Repayment will be effected by way of cancellation of an amount of US\$60 million standing to the credit of Parthus' share premium account and the payment of this sum, in proportion to Parthus Shareholders' holdings, to Parthus Shareholders. Amounts payable to Parthus Shareholders will be payable in sterling provided that a Parthus Shareholder may elect to be paid in euro. Details of what exchange rate will be applied to all payments, and how a Parthus Shareholder can elect to be paid in euro can be found in paragraph 4(c) of this Part 3.

Assuming that all Parthus Options which are, at the date of this document, in-the-money and capable of being exercised are exercised, Parthus Shareholders who are on the register of Parthus at the Scheme Record Time will receive approximately:

#### US\$9.98 plus 1.50 ParthusCeva Shares for every 100 Parthus Shares

Fractional entitlements of ParthusCeva Shares shall not be issued and in lieu of such fractional entitlements Parthus Shareholders shall receive from ParthusCeva an amount in cash (without interest) equal to such fractional entitlement multiplied by the average of the high and low reported closing prices of ParthusCeva Shares on Nasdaq on the first five days on which ParthusCeva Shares are quoted on Nasdaq. Such payments will be made in the same currency as the Capital Repayment is made.

On the Scheme becoming effective, the entire issued share capital of Parthus (other than the Designated Shares) as at the Effective Time will be cancelled. 580,000,000 new shares will be issued by Parthus to ParthusCeva by capitalisation of €174,000 of the reserves arising from such cancellation so that Parthus becomes a wholly owned subsidiary of ParthusCeva.

Parthus ADS holders should read paragraph 11 of this Part 3, which contains further important information which is relevant to them.

If the Scheme becomes effective, it will be binding on all Parthus Shareholders and Parthus Optionholders, including any holders who did not vote to approve the Scheme.

The Scheme authorises Parthus to pay all costs and expenses incurred in relation to the negotiation, preparation, approval and implementation of the Scheme. The full text of the Scheme is set out in Part 6 of this document.

#### 5.2 Conditions

The Combination is to be effected by way of the Scheme (including the Capital Repayment) and is subject to a number of conditions set out in full in Part 5 of this document.

The Scheme, which includes the Capital Repayment, will require approval by Parthus Shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting and the Shareholder Court Meetings and by the Parthus Optionholders at the Optionholder Court Meetings. In addition, the Scheme, which includes the Capital Repayment, will require approval of the Parthus Shareholders who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group at the Goldman Sachs Court Meeting and approval of holders of the Designated Shares at the Designated Shareholder Court Meeting. The Parthus Meetings and the nature of the approvals required to be given at each of them are described in more detail in paragraph 6 below. Ceva has agreed to undertake to the High Court to be bound by the Scheme and to take all steps necessary or desirable to give effect to it.

The Combination can only become effective if all conditions to the Combination, including approvals at the Parthus Meetings and the sanction of the High Court, have been satisfied (or, where appropriate, waived). Parthus Shareholders and Parthus Optionholders are entitled to attend the relevant Court Meetings in person or by proxy to support or oppose the sanctioning of the Scheme. The Scheme (including the Capital Repayment) will become effective upon the delivery for registration to the Companies Registration Office in Dublin of a copy of the Final Court Order(s) and the minute approved by the High Court confirming the Capital Reduction and the registration of such order(s) and minute. Unless the Scheme becomes effective by not later than 31 December 2002, or such later date as Parthus and Ceva may agree and the Panel and the High Court may allow, the Scheme will lapse, the Combination will not proceed and the Capital Repayment will not be made.

#### 5.3 Proposed repricing of Parthus Options

The Company and Ceva have agreed to the repricing of certain Parthus Options, as described below. The repricing will only take place if DSPG receives the Supplemental Tax Ruling prior to the Effective Time. If DSPG does not receive the Supplemental Tax Ruling prior to the Effective Time, then no Parthus Options will be repriced.

If DSPG receives the Supplemental Tax Ruling prior to the Effective Time, then at the Effective Time, the exercise price of existing Parthus Options that have an exercise price in excess of US\$0.267 per Parthus Share (US\$2.67 per Parthus ADS) will be adjusted to US\$0.267 per Parthus Share (US\$2.67 per Parthus ADS). Options for the acquisition of an aggregate of 92,726,680 Parthus Shares (9,272,668 Parthus ADSs) will be adjusted, which includes options to purchase an aggregate of 12,405,000 Parthus Shares (1,240,500 ADSs) held by Kevin Fielding, Peter McManamon and Sven-Christer Nilsson. Mr. Fielding and Mr. Nilsson will each serve as a director of ParthusCeva following the Combination. The exercise price of all other existing Parthus Options will be unaffected.

The Company and Ceva have agreed (subject to receipt of the Supplemental Tax Ruling) to effect the adjustment in the exercise price of Parthus Options to create a performance-orientated environment for employees in ParthusCeva. Many of the Parthus Options had an exercise price significantly in excess of the market price of Parthus Shares on 24 July 2002, the date the Company and Ceva agreed to reprice the Parthus Options. Furthermore, the distribution of the Capital Repayment to Parthus Shareholders will further reduce the market price of Parthus Shares. As a result of the reduction in the market price of Parthus Shares, the Company believes that without this repricing these Parthus Options will no longer be a meaningful incentive for Parthus employees. Generally, the exercise prices of Ceva's currently outstanding options are equal to or less than the anticipated market price of ParthusCeva Shares, based upon the terms of the Combination.

The repricing would permit both Parthus' and Ceva's employees to have an equally realistic possibility of participating in any increase in share value of ParthusCeva which the Company and Ceva believe would enhance shareholder value by creating better performance incentives for, and thus increasing retention of, Parthus' employees.

The repricing of the Parthus Options is included within the terms of the Scheme, which is set out in full in Part 6 of this document.

#### 5.4 Amendment to Parthus' articles of association

It is proposed, as part of the second resolution to be proposed at the Extraordinary General Meeting, subject to the Scheme becoming effective, to amend Parthus' articles of association to ensure that Parthus Shares issued,

upon the exercise of Parthus Options or otherwise to any person other than ParthusCeva, its subsidiary undertakings or any person on behalf of any of them, at or after the Scheme Record Time will automatically be exchanged for new ParthusCeva Shares on the same terms as under the Scheme. This will avoid any person (other than ParthusCeva, its subsidiary undertakings or any person on behalf of any of them) being left with Parthus Shares after dealings in such shares have ceased on the London Stock Exchange (which will occur at the close of business on the business day after the Effective Date). Part (ii) of resolution 2 set out in the notice of Extraordinary General Meeting at the end of this document seeks Parthus Shareholders' approval for such amendments.

#### 5.5 Securities Act considerations

Parthus and Ceva have been advised that the ParthusCeva Shares may be issued to holders of Parthus Shares under the Scheme without registration under the Securities Act pursuant to an exemption provided by Section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Act. This will not affect the application which has been made for the quotation of the ParthusCeva Shares on Nasdaq.

For the purpose of qualifying for the exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act described above, Parthus will advise the High Court that its sanctioning of the Scheme will be relied upon by Ceva as a court approval of the Scheme following a hearing on its fairness to Parthus Shareholders at which hearing all such holders are entitled to attend in person or through counsel to support or oppose the sanctioning of the Scheme and with respect to which notification has been given to all such holders (either at the holder's address as set out on the register of members or such other address as a holder may direct).

#### 6. Parthus Meetings

The Scheme will require the approval of Parthus Shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting, the Shareholder Court Meetings and the approval of Parthus Optionholders at the Optionholder Court Meetings. In addition, the Scheme will require approval of the Parthus Shareholders who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group at the Goldman Sachs Court Meeting and of the holders of Designated Shares at the Designated Shareholder Court Meeting. All such meetings will be held on 26 September 2002.

Notices of the Extraordinary General Meeting, the First Shareholder Court Meeting, the Second Shareholder Court Meeting, the First Optionholder Court Meeting, the Second Optionholder Court Meeting, the Third Optionholder Court Meeting, the Goldman Sachs Court Meeting and the Designated Shareholder Court Meeting are set out on pages 62 to 71 of this document. Entitlement to attend and vote at these meetings and the number of votes which may be cast thereat will be determined, in relation to the Extraordinary General Meeting and the Shareholder Court Meetings, by reference to the register of members of Parthus at 10:00 p.m. on the day prior to the day immediately preceding the relevant meeting and, in relation to the Optionholder Court Meetings, by reference to the register of optionholders of Parthus at 10:00 p.m. on the day prior to the day immediately preceding the relevant meeting.

#### 6.1 Extraordinary General Meeting

The Extraordinary General Meeting has been convened for 10:00 a.m. on 26 September 2002 to enable Parthus Shareholders to consider and, if thought fit, pass:

- (a) an ordinary resolution (which requires a vote in favour of a simple majority of the votes cast) to approve the Scheme:
- (b) a special resolution (which requires a vote in favour of not less than 75% of the votes cast):
  - (i) to approve the Capital Repayment;
  - (ii) to approve the Capital Reduction;
  - (iii) to disapply the operation of statutory pre-emption rights under section 24(1) of the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1983 in respect of the issue of Parthus Shares to ParthusCeva (and/or its nominees);
  - (iv) to amend the articles of association of Parthus in the manner described in paragraph 5.4 above; and

- (c) an ordinary resolution to authorise the directors of Parthus:
  - (i) to issue relevant securities pursuant to section 20 of the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1983;
  - (ii) to increase the Company's share capital; and
  - (iii) to apply €174,000 arising out of the cancellation of the Parthus Shares in paying up in full 580,000,000 new Parthus Shares.

Each Parthus Shareholder present in person or by proxy is entitled to vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting. On a show of hands each Parthus Shareholder will have one vote and on a poll each Parthus Shareholder will have one vote for each Parthus Share held.

#### 6.2 Court Meetings

Each of the Court Meetings has been convened for 26 September 2002 in accordance with the direction of the High Court to enable the Parthus Shareholders and the Parthus Optionholders to consider and, if thought fit, approve the Scheme. At each of the Court Meetings, voting will be by poll. In relation to the Shareholder Court Meetings, each relevant member present in person or by proxy will be entitled to one vote for each Parthus Share held. In relation to the Optionholder Court Meetings, each relevant Parthus Optionholder present in person or by proxy will be entitled to one vote for each Parthus Share over which they have a Parthus Option (or ten votes for each Parthus ADS over which they have a Parthus Option).

The approval required at each Court Meeting is a simple majority in number of those persons who are present and voting in person or by proxy representing: (i) in the case of the Shareholder Court Meetings, not less than 75% in nominal value of the Parthus Shares held by those Parthus Shareholders entitled to vote and who vote in person or by proxy; and (ii) in the case of the Optionholder Court Meetings, not less than 75% in number of the Parthus Shares represented by the Parthus Options held by those Parthus Optionholders entitled to vote and who vote in person or by proxy.

#### 6.3 Voting at each Parthus Meeting

All Parthus Shareholders are entitled to vote at the Extraordinary General Meeting and the First Shareholder Court Meeting. If you are entitled to attend, a white form of proxy for use at the Extraordinary General Meeting and a blue form of proxy for use at the First Shareholder Court Meeting are enclosed.

All Parthus Shareholders other than Parthus Shareholders who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group or holders of Designated Shares are entitled to vote at the Second Shareholder Court Meeting. If you are entitled to attend, a green form of proxy is enclosed for use at the Second Shareholder Court Meeting.

All Parthus Optionholders who have Parthus Options with an exercise price in excess of US\$0.267 per Parthus Share (US\$2.67 per Parthus ADS) are entitled to vote at the First Optionholder Court Meeting. If you are entitled to attend, a yellow form of proxy is enclosed for use at the First Optionholder Court Meeting.

All Parthus Optionholders who have Parthus Options with an exercise price at or less than US\$0.267 per Parthus Share (US\$2.67 per Parthus ADS) are entitled to vote at the Second Optionholder Court Meeting. If you are entitled to attend, an orange form of proxy is enclosed for use at the Second Optionholder Court Meeting.

All Parthus Optionholders are entitled to vote at the Third Optionholder Court Meeting. If you are entitled to attend, a purple form of proxy is enclosed for use at the Third Optionholder Court Meeting.

Parthus Shareholders who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group are entitled to vote at the Goldman Sachs Court Meeting. If you are entitled to attend, a pink form of proxy is enclosed for use at the Goldman Sachs Court Meeting.

Parthus Shareholders who hold Designated Shares are entitled to attend the Designated Shareholder Court Meeting. If you are entitled to attend, a red form of proxy is enclosed for use at the Designated Shareholder Court Meeting.

# 7. The Parthus Directors and the effect of the Scheme (including the Capital Repayment) on their interests

The effect of the Scheme on the interests of the Parthus Directors, details of which are set out in paragraph 4 of Part 7 of this document, does not differ from its effect on the like interests of any other holder of Parthus Shares save that: (i) the Parthus Directors, in common with the other Parthus Optionholders, will be able to exercise their options or exchange their Parthus Options for options over ParthusCeva Shares as described in paragraph 9 below; and (ii) Parthus Options held by Kevin Fielding, Peter McManamon and Sven-Christer Nilsson will, if the

Supplemental Tax Ruling is received by DSPG prior to the Effective Time, be repriced as described in paragraph 9 below. It is proposed that certain of the Parthus Directors, namely Brian Long, Kevin Fielding, William McCabe and Sven-Christer Nilsson, be appointed to the board of ParthusCeva upon completion of the Combination.

#### 8. Taxation

The comments set out below summarise the Irish, United Kingdom and United States taxation treatment of the Scheme. They are based on existing law and what is understood to be current Irish Revenue Commissioners, Inland Revenue and IRS practice. For a summary of the Irish, United Kingdom and United States taxation treatment of holding ParthusCeva Shares, please refer to paragraph 12 of Part 3 of Section I of the Listing Particulars, starting on page xx.

The comments are intended as a general guide and apply to persons resident for tax purposes in Ireland, the United Kingdom and the United States who hold Parthus Shares and/or Parthus ADSs as an investment and not as securities to be realised in the course of a trade and who are the absolute beneficial owners thereof. If you are in any doubt about your taxation position, or if you are resident or otherwise subject to taxation in a jurisdiction outside Ireland, the United Kingdom or the United States, you should consult your own professional advisers immediately.

Future legislative, judicial or administrative changes or interpretations could alter or modify statements and conclusions set forth below, and these changes or interpretations could be retroactive and could affect the tax consequences to Parthus Shareholders of the Capital Repayment and the Combination.

#### 8.1 Irish Taxation

The following summary is only intended as a brief and general guide to the main aspects of current Irish tax law and Irish Revenue practice (which may change in the future) applicable to the Scheme of Arrangement. It is not intended to provide specific advice and no action should be taken or omitted to be taken in reliance upon it. The comments below relate only to Irish tax and are addressed to investors who are resident and, in the case of individuals, ordinarily resident in Ireland for tax purposes at all relevant times and are the absolute beneficial owners of Parthus Shares held as investments and not, therefore, to special classes of shareholders such as financial institutions. Accordingly, its applicability will depend upon the particular circumstances of individual shareholders. The summary is not exhaustive and does not generally consider tax reliefs, clawbacks or exemptions. Any Parthus Shareholder who is in any doubt as to his Irish tax position in relation to the Scheme of Arrangement should consult his Irish professional adviser.

#### Capital Repayment

#### Capital gains tax.

Under Irish tax legislation, the Capital Repayment made as part of the Scheme of Arrangement should be treated as a part disposal by Parthus Shareholders of their existing Parthus Shares for Irish capital gains tax purposes. Such part disposal may, depending on the Parthus Shareholder's individual circumstances (including the availability of exemptions, indexation and allowable losses), give rise to a liability to taxation on chargeable gains. The Capital Repayment should not be treated as an income distribution and should not give rise to a charge to tax on income.

Broadly, any chargeable gain accruing in respect of the cash consideration received by a Parthus Shareholder on the Capital Repayment will be computed by deducting the appropriate part of the base cost of the Parthus Shareholder's existing Parthus Shares (after indexation relief) from the cash received. The part of the base cost which can be deducted is determined by splitting the base cost in the ratio which the cash received bears to the market value of the shares prior to the Capital Repayment. Indexation relief generally operates so as to increase the acquisition cost of an asset for tax purposes in line with the consumer price index. Indexation relief cannot be used to create or augment a loss.

The balance of base cost not deducted will be treated as the base cost of ParthusCeva Shares issued under the Scheme of Arrangement (see below for further comments).

#### Stamp duty

No stamp duty will be payable by Parthus Shareholders as a result of receiving cash by virtue of the Capital Repayment.

#### Issue of ParthusCeva Shares under the Scheme of Arrangement

#### Capital gains tax

For the purposes of Irish taxation of chargeable gains, share for share relief should be available to Parthus Shareholders in respect of the cancellation of their existing Parthus Shares and the issue to them of Parthus Ceva Shares. Accordingly, such Parthus Shareholders should not be treated as making a disposal of their Parthus Shares for the purposes of Irish taxation of capital gains, and the Parthus Ceva Shares issued should be treated as the same asset and as having been acquired at the same time as the Parthus Shares. The Parthus Ceva Shares will therefore have the same base cost as the remaining Parthus Shares they replace.

An application was made to the Irish Revenue Commissioners to seek confirmation that share for share relief would be available and satisfactory confirmation has been issued.

#### Stamp duty

No stamp duty will be payable on the cancellation of Parthus Shares or the issue of ParthusCeva Shares under the Scheme of Arrangement.

#### 8.2 United Kingdom Taxation

The following summary is only intended as a brief and general guide to the main aspects of current UK tax law and Inland Revenue practice (which may change in the future) applicable to the Scheme of Arrangement. It is not intended to provide specific advice and no action should be taken or omitted to be taken in reliance upon it. The comments below relate only to UK tax and are addressed to investors who are resident and, in the case of individuals, ordinarily resident in the UK for tax purposes at all relevant times and are the absolute beneficial owners of Parthus Shares held as investments and not, therefore, to special classes of shareholders such as financial institutions. Accordingly, its applicability will depend upon the particular circumstances of individual shareholders. The summary is not exhaustive and does not generally consider tax reliefs or exemptions. Any Parthus Shareholder who is in any doubt as to his UK tax position in relation to the Scheme of Arrangement should consult his UK professional adviser.

#### Capital Repayment

#### Capital gains tax

The Capital Repayment made under the Scheme of Arrangement is expected to be treated by the UK Inland Revenue as a part disposal by Parthus Shareholders of their existing Parthus Shares for UK capital gains tax purposes. Such part disposal may, depending on the Shareholder's individual circumstances (including the availability of exemptions and allowable losses), give rise to a liability to taxation on chargeable gains. It is not expected that the Capital Repayment will be treated by the UK Inland Revenue as an income distribution or that it will give rise to a charge to tax on income.

Broadly, any chargeable gain accruing in respect of the cash consideration received by a Shareholder on the Capital Repayment will be computed by deducting the appropriate part of the base cost of the Shareholder's existing Parthus Shares from the cash received. The part which can be deducted is determined by splitting the base cost in the ratio which the cash received bears to the market value of the shares prior to the Capital Repayment. The balance of base cost not deducted will be treated as the base cost of ParthusCeva Shares issued under the Scheme of Arrangement (see below for further comments).

Shareholders are advised that clearance has been granted by the Board of the UK Inland Revenue under Section 707 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 in respect of the Capital Repayment.

#### (i) Individual shareholders

Where an individual shareholder acquired his or her existing Parthus Shares prior to April 1998, indexation allowance on the acquisition cost of the existing Parthus Shares will ordinarily be available up to 5 April 1998. No indexation allowance will be available where an individual shareholder acquired his or her existing Parthus Shares after 31 March 1998. Instead, for periods after 5 April 1998, the rate of capital gains tax paid by an individual is effectively reduced the longer he or she has owned the relevant Parthus Shares. This is known as taper relief.

#### (ii) Corporate shareholders

For corporate shareholders, indexation allowance will be available on the allowable cost of the existing Parthus Shares up to the date of the part disposal of those shares by way of the Capital Repayment. Indexation allowance operates in the manner described in the preceding paragraph. As with individual shareholders, the indexation allowance cannot be used to create or augment a loss for tax purposes.

Stamp duty and stamp duty reserve tax ("SDRT")

No stamp duty or SDRT should be payable by Parthus Shareholders as a result of receiving cash by virtue of the Capital Repayment.

#### Issue of ParthusCeva Shares under the Scheme of Arrangement

#### Capital gains tax

For the purposes of UK taxation of chargeable gains, reorganisation relief should be available to Parthus Shareholders in respect of the cancellation of their existing Parthus Shares and the issue to them of ParthusCeva Shares. Accordingly, such Parthus Shareholders should not be treated as making a disposal of their Parthus Shares for the purposes of UK taxation of capital gains, and the ParthusCeva Shares issued should be treated as the same asset and as having been acquired at the same time as the Parthus Shares. The ParthusCeva Shares will therefore have the same base cost as the remaining Parthus Shares they replace.

Parthus Shareholders are advised that clearance has been granted by the Board of the Inland Revenue under Section 707 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988 in respect of the Scheme of Arrangement. Parthus Shareholders who, either alone or together with persons connected with them, hold more than 5% of the shares in Parthus are advised that clearance has been granted by the UK Inland Revenue under the provisions of Section 138 of the Taxation of Chargeable Gains Act 1992 in respect of the Scheme of Arrangement. Accordingly, the Board of the Inland Revenue has confirmed it is satisfied that the Scheme of Arrangement is effected for bona fide commercial reasons and does not form part of a scheme or arrangement of which the main purpose, or one of the main purposes, is an avoidance of liability to capital gains tax or corporation tax.

#### Stamp duty and SDRT

No stamp duty or SDRT should be payable on the cancellation of Parthus Shares or the issue of ParthusCeva Shares under the Scheme of Arrangement.

#### Other tax matters

Special tax provisions may apply to Parthus Shareholders who have acquired or acquire their Parthus Shares by exercising options under the Parthus Share Schemes, including provisions imposing a charge to income tax.

#### 8.3 United States Taxation

The discussion below summarises the material US federal income tax considerations generally applicable to US holders of Parthus Shares who: (i) receive their pro-rata portion of the Capital Repayment; and (ii) pursuant to the Combination, exchange their Parthus Shares for ParthusCeva Shares and, as applicable, cash in lieu of a fractional entitlement. For the purposes of this Paragraph 8.3, a "US holder" is a beneficial owner of Parthus Shares that is, for federal income tax purposes: (i) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States; (ii) a corporation created or organised under the laws of the United States or any state or political subdivision thereof; (iii) an estate the income of which in includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes regardless of its source; or (iv) a trust, the administration of which is subject to the primary supervision of a United States court and which has one or more United States persons who have authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust. For US federal income tax purposes, income earned through a foreign or domestic partnership or similar entity is attributed to its owner. The discussion below is based on the current provisions of the Code, currently applicable United States Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, and judicial and administrative decisions and rulings. No ruling from the IRS has been or will be sought with respect to the Capital Repayment, the Scheme or the ownership of ParthusCeva Shares.

The discussion below does not purport to address all aspects of US federal income taxation that may affect particular Parthus Shareholders in light of their individual circumstances, and is not intended for shareholders subject to special treatment under US federal income tax law. Shareholders subject to special treatment include, without limitation, insurance companies, tax-exempt organisations, financial institutions, broker-dealers, shareholders who hold their Parthus Shares as part of a hedge, appreciated financial position, constructive sale, straddle or conversion transaction, shareholders who do not hold their Parthus Shares as capital assets and shareholders who have acquired their Parthus Shares upon exercise of employee options or otherwise as compensation.

The following discussion is not intended to be a complete analysis or description of all potential US federal income tax consequences or any other tax consequences of the Capital Repayment, the Combination, or the ownership of ParthusCeva Shares. In addition, this discussion does not consider the effect of applicable

state or local tax laws. Moreover, this discussion does not address the tax consequences of transactions effectuated prior or subsequent to, or concurrently with, the Capital Repayment and Combination (whether or not such transactions are undertaken in connection with the Capital Repayment and Combination), the consequences of the assumption by ParthusCeva of the Parthus Share Schemes or the consequences of the repricing of Parthus Options. Parthus Shareholders are urged to consult their own tax advisors as to the particular tax consequences to them as a result of the Capital Repayment and the Combination, including the applicability and effect of any state or local tax laws, and changes in applicable tax laws.

#### Capital Repayment

Income tax and Capital gains

A US holder of Parthus Shares who receives his or her pro-rata portion of the Capital Repayment will be treated as receiving a dividend to the extent of his or her pro-rata share of the current and accumulated earnings and profits of Parthus (if any) as determined under US federal income tax law. Dividends paid to holders that are US corporations may be eligible for the dividends received deduction. To the extent that the Capital Repayment exceeds the current and accumulated earnings and profits of Parthus, a US holder of Parthus Shares will be treated first as receiving a non-taxable return of capital reducing the holder's tax basis in the Parthus Shares. Any amount of the Capital Repayment in excess of the US holder's tax basis will be treated as capital gain.

#### Issue of ParthusCeva Shares under the Scheme of Arrangement

Capital gains

A US holder will recognise no gain or loss on the exchange of its Parthus Shares for ParthusCeva Shares pursuant to the Combination, except to the extent of cash received in lieu of a fractional entitlement. Cash payments received by a US holder in lieu of a fractional entitlement generally will be treated as capital gain (or loss) measured by the difference between the amount of the cash payment received and the holder's tax basis in the shares of Parthus exchanged that is allocable to the fractional entitlement. The aggregate tax basis of a US holder in the ParthusCeva Shares received in the Combination will be the same as the aggregate tax basis in such holder's Parthus Shares after such basis has been adjusted, if required, for the Capital Repayment, reduced by the amount of any tax basis allocable to any fractional entitlement. The holding period of a US holder in the ParthusCeva Shares received in the Combination will include the holding period for the Parthus Shares exchanged therefor.

#### 9. Share schemes

The Company and Ceva have agreed to the repricing of certain Parthus Options, as described below. The repricing will only take place if DSPG receives the Supplemental Tax Ruling prior to the Effective Time. If DSPG does not receive the Supplemental Tax Ruling prior to the Effective Time, then no Parthus Options will be repriced.

If DSPG receives the Supplemental Tax Ruling prior to the Effective Time, then at the Effective Time, the exercise price of existing Parthus Options that have an exercise price in excess of US\$0.267 per Parthus Share (US\$2.67 per Parthus ADS) will be adjusted to US\$0.267 per Parthus Share (US\$2.67 per Parthus ADS). Options for the acquisition of an aggregate of 92,726,680 Parthus Shares (9,272,668 Parthus ADSs) will be adjusted, which includes options to purchase an aggregate of 12,405,000 Parthus Shares (1,240,500 ADSs) held by Kevin Fielding, Peter McManamon and Sven-Christer Nilsson. Mr. Fielding and Mr. Nilsson will each serve as a director of ParthusCeva following the Combination.

Pursuant to the Combination, ParthusCeva will assume all Parthus Options that are outstanding at the Effective Date and the Parthus Share Schemes that govern them. The Parthus Options will continue with the same terms and conditions, except that they will become options to purchase ParthusCeva Shares and will be adjusted so that the number of ParthusCeva Shares purchasable upon the exercise of each assumed Parthus Option will be equal to the number of Parthus Shares (or such Parthus Shares underlying any ADSs), that a Parthus Optionholder would have received upon exercise prior to the Combination, multiplied by the Ordinary Share Allotment Ratio. In addition to the adjustment referred to in the last sentence, the exercise price of Parthus Options will also be adjusted proportionately.

Holders of Parthus Options who wish to participate in the Capital Repayment must exercise their options prior to 10:00 p.m. two business days prior to the Effective Date. Only Parthus Options that are vested as of such date may be exercised. No Parthus Options may be exercised during the period beginning at 10:00 p.m. two business days prior to the Effective Date and ending at 2:30 p.m. on the Effective Date. It is currently expected that the Effective Date will be 17 October 2002, subject to approval of the Scheme by the High Court.

The tax consequences of the Parthus Options (including their repricing, if applicable) and the options over ParthusCeva Shares will be governed by the country in which you are a tax resident. Optionholders are recommended to consult with their personal tax adviser with respect to the tax consequences in their country of residence of the Parthus Options and the options over ParthusCeva Shares, as well as any other federal, foreign, state, provincial and local tax consequences that may be applicable to them. Moreover, a holder of Parthus Options who is a citizen or resident of a country other than the country in which he or she works, or who is subject to the tax laws of more than one country, or who changes his or her residence or citizenship during the term of the options, should consult his or her tax adviser.

#### 10. Overseas shareholders

As regards Parthus Shareholders or Parthus ADS holders resident in, or citizens of, jurisdictions outside Ireland, the United Kingdom and the United States ("overseas shareholders"), the Combination may be affected by the laws of the relevant jurisdictions. Such overseas shareholders should inform themselves about and observe any applicable legal requirements. It is the responsibility of each of the overseas shareholders to satisfy themselves as to the full observance of the laws of the relevant jurisdiction in connection therewith, including the obtaining of any governmental, exchange control or other consents which may be required, or the compliance with other necessary formalities which are required to be observed and the payment of any issue, transfer or other taxes due in such jurisdiction.

In any case, where the issue of a new ParthusCeva Share would infringe the laws of any jurisdiction outside Ireland, the United Kingdom or the United States or necessitate compliance with any special requirement, the Scheme provides that such shares shall either be issued to a nominee and then sold or issued to the overseas holder and sold on his behalf, in each case, with the net proceeds of sale being remitted to the overseas shareholder. Payments of any net proceeds of sale shall be made in the same manner as the payment of the Capital Repayment detailed in paragraphs 4(b) and 4(c) of this Part 3.

#### 11. Treatment of Parthus ADSs

Each Parthus ADS represents 10 Parthus Shares. JPMorgan Chase Bank, as depositary, holds the Parthus Shares underlying the Parthus ADSs. Accordingly, the Depositary, as a Parthus Shareholder, will, assuming that all Parthus Options which are, at the date of this document, in-the-money and capable of being exercised are exercised, be entitled to approximately:

US\$9.98 plus 1.50 ParthusCeva Shares for every 100 Parthus Shares

held by it at the Scheme Record Time and so in proportion for any other number of Parthus Shares then held by it.

Accordingly, on the Effective Date (or as soon as practicable thereafter and in any event no later than 14 days after the Effective Date), the Depositary will arrange that there will be distributed directly to Parthus ADS holders their proportionate entitlement to the Capital Repayment and the ParthusCeva Shares, in the following approximate proportions:

#### US\$9.98 plus 1.50 ParthusCeva Shares for every 10 Parthus ADSs

held by Parthus ADS holders at the Scheme Record Time and so in proportion for any other number of Parthus ADSs then held and otherwise on the terms and conditions set out in this document and the Deposit Agreement. Fractional entitlements of ParthusCeva Shares shall not be issued.

Parthus ADS holders at the Scheme Record Time will receive their relevant proportion of the Capital Repayment (net of ADS cancellation fees) in US dollars unless they elect to receive the payment in euro by contacting the Depositary, on (781) 575 4328 (or +1 781 575 4328, if telephoning from outside the United States) and arranging cancellation of their ADSs or by ceasing to hold ADSs in book entry form so, in each case, as to become a holder of record of Parthus Shares with sufficient time to then elect to receive payment in euro in accordance with paragraph 4(c) of Part 3 of this document. If you elect to be paid in euro, such payment will be made at the exchange rate as shown by the noon buying rate as quoted on Bloomberg (CRNCY BQ) on the business day prior to the day cheques are despatched to Parthus ADS holders. The actual amount of euro, received by a holder of

Parthus ADSs will depend upon the relevant prevailing exchange rate on the date funds are converted, which may not be the same exchange rate as is prevailing at the Effective Time. All payments shall be rounded down to the nearest whole US cent or euro cent, as the case may be. Cheques will be despatched to Parthus ADS holders no later than 14 days after the Effective Date.

Parthus ADS holders at the Scheme Record Time who hold ADSs in certificated form will receive their relevant proportion of the ParthusCeva Shares in certificated form.

Parthus ADS holders at the Scheme Record Time who hold ADSs in book entry form will receive their relevant proportion of the ParthusCeva Shares by way of a credit to their relevant book entry account, although the ParthusCeva reserves the right to settle all or any part of the ParthusCeva Shares in certificated form.

The despatch of certificates for ParthusCeva Shares and/or the crediting of book entry accounts will take place no later than 14 days after the Effective Date.

All certificates and cheques shall be sent to Parthus ADS holders at their own risk and will be sent by post either to the holder's address as set out on the register of Parthus ADS holders at the Scheme Record Time or to such other address of the holder as is notified as a change of address in writing by a Parthus ADS holder to the Depositary prior to the Effective Date and in the case of joint holders, to the holder whose name stands first in such register in respect of the joint holdings concerned.

It should be noted that holders of Parthus ADSs will not be entitled to attend the Parthus Meetings or to be present at the Court Hearing. The Depositary will vote in accordance with the instructions it receives from Parthus ADS holders. Details of how Parthus ADS holders can instruct the Depositary to vote are contained in the enclosed voting instruction card. It is important that, for the Shareholder Court Meetings in particular, as many votes as possible are cast so that the High Court may be satisfied that there is a fair representation of Parthus Shareholder opinion. You are therefore strongly urged to sign and return the voting instruction card to the Depositary as soon as possible.

Holders of Parthus ADSs who wish to attend the First Shareholder Court Meeting, the Second Shareholder Court Meeting and/or the Extraordinary General Meeting or to be present at the Court Hearing should take steps to present their Parthus ADSs to the Depositary, JPMorgan Chase Bank, for cancellation and delivery of Parthus Shares so as to become holders of record of Parthus Shares prior to the relevant voting record time for the First Shareholder Court Meeting, the Second Shareholder Court Meeting, the Second Shareholder Court Meeting, as the case may be. The date for the First Shareholder Court Meeting, the Second Shareholder Court Meeting and the Extraordinary General Meeting is 26 September 2002. If Parthus ADS holders wish to attend the First Shareholder Court Meeting, the Second Shareholder Court Meeting and/or the Extraordinary General Meeting, they must present their Parthus ADSs to the Depositary for cancellation by no later than 19 September 2002, although no guarantee can be given by the Depositary that it will be able to procure that the relevant Parthus ADS holder becomes a holder of record of Parthus ADS holders wish to attend the Court Hearing they must present their Parthus ADSs to the Depositary for cancellation by no later than 9 October 2002, although no guarantee can be given by the Depositary for cancellation by no later than 9 October 2002, although no guarantee can be given by the Depositary for cancellation by no later than relevant Parthus ADS holder becomes a holder of record of Parthus Shares in time for the Court Hearing.

Upon the Combination becoming effective: (i) the Parthus Shares underlying the Parthus ADSs represented thereby will be cancelled; and (ii) Parthus will take steps to terminate the Parthus ADS facility. In accordance with the terms of the Deposit Agreement, holders of Parthus ADSs will be charged a fee of US\$5.00 for each 100 Parthus ADSs (or a portion thereof) cancelled. Such fee will be deducted by the Depositary from the relevant proportion of the Capital Repayment due to holders of Parthus ADSs.

#### 12. Action to be taken

Your attention is drawn to paragraph 14 of the letter from the Chairman of Parthus set out in Part 2 of this document which explains the actions you should take in relation to the Scheme.

If you are in any doubt as to the action to be taken, please contact the Parthus Combination Helpline on  $01\,810\,2468$  (or  $+353\,1\,810\,2468$  if telephoning from outside Ireland).

#### 13. Further information

The text of the Scheme is set out in full in Part 6 of this document. Further information regarding Parthus and Ceva is set out in the Listing Particulars. Details of documents available for inspection are given in paragraph 15 of Part 7 of this document.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Harvey
Managing Director
Goldman Sachs International

#### PART 4

#### ESTIMATE OF VALUE OF PARTHUSCEVA SHARES

The following is the full text of a letter from Morgan Stanley & Co. Limited to the Directors of Ceva:

#### **MORGAN STANLEY**

The Directors, Ceva, Inc. 3120 Scott Boulevard Santa Clara CA94043

2 September 2002

Dear Sirs,

# Ceva, Inc. (to be renamed ParthusCeva, Inc. ("ParthusCeva")) Recommended Combination with Parthus Technologies plc

Pursuant to the requirements of the Takeover Code, we are writing to provide an estimate of the value of ParthusCeva Shares to be issued to Parthus Shareholders pursuant to the Combination. Capitalised terms used in this letter will, unless otherwise stated, have the same meaning given to them in the circular being sent to Parthus Shareholders in relation to the Scheme and dated 2 September 2002 (the "Circular").

#### Purpose

This estimate of value has been provided to the Directors of Ceva solely for the purposes of Rule 24.10 of the Takeover Code, and shall not be used or relied upon for any other purpose whatsoever. It is not addressed to and may not be relied upon by any third party and we expressly disclaim any duty or liability to any third party with respect to the contents of this letter.

This letter sets out our opinion as to the value of each ParthusCeva Share, assuming such shares are in issue as at 27 August 2002 (being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of the Circular) and assuming a willing buyer and seller, neither being under any compulsion to buy or sell, dealing on an arm's length basis, each having knowledge of all relevant facts. Our opinion assumes that ParthusCeva is a standalone entity and has not merged with Parthus.

This estimate of value does not represent the value that a holder of a ParthusCeva Share may realise on any future disposal, which value may be higher or lower than the figure in this letter. Morgan Stanley assumes no obligation to update its estimate of value at any date in the future, save as required by Rule 24.14 of the Takeover Code.

#### Overview

ParthusCeva Shares to be issued to holders of Parthus Shares in exchange for the cancellation of the Parthus Shares pursuant to the Combination are currently unlisted and therefore do not have a public valuation. Immediately prior to completion of the Combination, it is intended that ParthusCeva Shares will be distributed to DSPG shareholders in a tax-free reorganisation and will, upon completion of the Combination, become immediately publicly tradable with a primary listing on Nasdaq and a secondary listing on the Official List. It should be noted that at no stage is it envisaged that ParthusCeva Shares will be publicly traded in their own right prior to completion of the Combination.

#### **Information**

In arriving at our estimate of value, we have, among other things:

(i) reviewed certain publicly available financial statements and other business and financial information relating to Ceva;

- (ii) reviewed certain internal financial statements and other financial and operating data concerning Ceva prepared by the management of Ceva;
- (iii) reviewed certain financial projections prepared by the management of Ceva;
- (iv) compared the financial performance of Ceva with that of certain other publicly traded companies comparable to Ceva;
- (v) participated in discussions with the board of Ceva; and
- (vi) considered such other factors and performed such other analyses as we considered appropriate.

We have relied on and assumed, without independent verification, the accuracy and completeness of the information reviewed by us for the purposes of this opinion. With respect to the financial projections, we have assumed that they have been reasonably and properly prepared on bases reflecting the best currently available estimates and judgements of the future financial performance of Ceva. We have not made any independent valuation or appraisal of the assets and liabilities of Ceva nor have we sought or been provided with any such valuation or appraisal. Our opinion is necessarily based on financial, economic, market and other conditions as in effect on, and the information made available to us as of, 27 August 2002.

The valuation of non-publicly traded securities is inherently imprecise and is subject to certain uncertainties and contingencies, all of which are difficult to predict and are beyond our control. In performing its analysis, Morgan Stanley has made numerous assumptions with respect to industry performance and general business, economic and market conditions (in particular the current economic cycle and its impact on the semiconductor industry), many of which are beyond the control of Ceva. Consequently, the view expressed in this letter is not necessarily indicative of: (i) the price at which ParthusCeva Shares might actually trade in any public market as at 27 August 2002 or at any future date; or (ii) the amount which might be realised upon a sale of ParthusCeva or ParthusCeva Shares to another third party, and this valuation may differ substantially from estimates available from other sources. Investments may fall as well as rise in value and changes in exchange rates may have an adverse effect on value, price or income from an investment. In addition, our view would be expected to fluctuate with changes in prevailing market conditions, the financial conditions and prospects of Ceva and other factors which generally influence the valuation of companies and securities.

#### Methodology

Morgan Stanley has used the valuation methodologies generally used in the semiconductor and the broader technology industries. These include, *inter alia*, valuation analysis based on certain valuation multiples of comparable public companies (including Parthus) and net present value analysis using discounted equity values. Morgan Stanley has also reviewed DSPG's market valuation and Ceva's financial contribution to DSPG. Using these methodologies and taking into account the information, factors, assumptions and limitations set out in this letter, Morgan Stanley has produced an estimated value range per ParthusCeva Share. For the purposes of calculating the per share value set out in this letter, we have assumed that ParthusCeva will have 10,172,036 shares outstanding on a fully diluted basis immediately following its separation from DSPG.

The taxation position of individual shareholders will vary and so we have not taken account of the effects of any taxation exemptions, allowances or reliefs available for income, capital gains or inheritance tax purposes, notwithstanding that these may be significant in the case of some shareholders.

No account has been taken of the dealing costs a holder of ParthusCeva Shares might incur and it has been assumed that there is no dealing spread (the difference between a buying and selling price quoted by a market maker).

#### General

Morgan Stanley is acting as financial advisor to DSPG and Ceva in connection with the Combination with Parthus. Morgan Stanley will receive fees from Ceva in respect of these advisory services including a transaction fee, which is contingent upon completion of the Combination.

Morgan Stanley expresses no opinion or recommendation as to whether shareholders should accept the Combination or any opinion as to the fairness of the financial terms of the Combination.

#### **Opinion**

On the basis of and subject to the foregoing, we are of the view that, if a ParthusCeva Share had been in issue as at 27 August 2002 (being the latest practicable date prior to the publication of the Circular) the estimated value range per ParthusCeva Share as at that date would have been approximately €13.04 to €17.06 (approximately £8.35 to £10.92 or US\$12.78 to US\$16.71).

Yours faithfully For and on behalf of Morgan Stanley & Co. Limited

Philip Apostolides Executive Director

#### PART 5

# CONDITIONS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME AND THE COMBINATION

The Combination is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. The respective obligations of each party to the Combination Agreement to effect the Combination are subject to the satisfaction prior to the Effective Date of the following conditions, any of which may be waived by the parties acting together:
  - (a) the Ceva Contribution and the Ceva Distribution shall have occurred:
  - (b) Parthus shall have obtained all approvals of the Parthus Shareholders and Parthus ADS holders necessary to approve the Scheme (including the Capital Reduction and the Capital Repayment) and all the transactions contemplated thereby, and the High Court shall have sanctioned the Scheme;
  - (c) all requisite steps for implementation of the Scheme (including the Capital Reduction and the Capital Repayment) shall have been taken and become unconditional and effective, other than the filing of the Final Court Orders with the Companies Registration Office, Dublin;
  - (d) other than the filing of the evidence of consummation of the Scheme, all authorisations, consents, orders or approvals of, or declarations or filings with, or expirations of waiting periods imposed by, any Governmental Entity in connection with the Scheme and the consummation of the other transactions contemplated by the Combination Agreement, the failure of which to file, obtain or occur is reasonably likely to have a Ceva Material Adverse Effect, or a Parthus Material Adverse Effect, shall have been filed, been obtained or occurred on terms and conditions which could not reasonably be likely to have a Ceva Material Adverse Effect or a Parthus Material Adverse Effect;
  - (e) the Form S-1 shall have become effective under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the parties shall have been advised by the SEC or its staff that the Form S-1 will be made effective upon notice that the Ceva Distribution has occurred, and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the Form S-1 shall have been issued and no proceeding for that purpose, and no similar proceeding with respect to the Form S-1 shall have been initiated or threatened in writing by the SEC or its staff;
  - (f) the UK Listing Authority shall have agreed to admit the ParthusCeva Shares to the Official List and the London Stock Exchange shall have agreed to admit all of the ParthusCeva Shares issued pursuant to the Scheme to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities;
  - (g) the listing of the ParthusCeva Shares shall have been approved, subject to notices of issuance, by the Nasdaq National Market, Inc;
  - (h) unless otherwise agreed by Ceva, each person or entity which will be a 10% shareholder or a controlling shareholder (within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Sections 1.355-7T(h)(9) and 1.355-7T(h)(3) respectively) of ParthusCeva after the Effective Date shall have entered into an agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the parties to the Combination Agreement in which such person or entity: (i) certifies that it has not discussed or solicited the acquisition of stock in DSPG or Ceva by another person with such person; and (ii) agrees not to enter into an agreement, undertaking, arrangement or substantial negotiations, as such terms are defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.355-7T(h)(1), until the end of the one-year period following the Effective Date concerning the purchase of any additional ParthusCeva Shares;
  - (i) no Governmental Entity of competent jurisdiction shall have enacted, issued, promulgated, enforced or entered any order, executive order, stay, decree, judgment or injunction (preliminary or permanent) or statute, rule or regulation which is in effect and which has the effect of making the Combination illegal or otherwise prohibiting consummation of the Combination or the other transactions contemplated by the Combination Agreement or the Scheme; and

- (j) there shall not be instituted or pending any action or proceeding by any Governmental Entity: (i) seeking to restrain, prohibit or otherwise interfere with the ownership or operation by DSPG, Ceva, or any subsidiary of DSPG or Ceva to be contributed to Ceva in the Ceva Contribution, of all or any portion of the business of Parthus or any of Parthus' subsidiaries or of DSPG, Ceva or any of their respective subsidiaries; or to compel DSPG, Ceva or any of their respective subsidiaries to dispose of or hold separate all or any portion of the business or assets of Parthus or any of Parthus' subsidiaries or of DSPG, Ceva or any of their respective subsidiaries; (ii) seeking to impose or confirm limitations on the ability of DSPG, Ceva or any of their respective subsidiaries effectively to exercise full rights of ownership of the Parthus Ordinary Shares including the right to vote any such shares on any matters properly presented to stockholders; or (iii) seeking to require divestiture by DSPG, Ceva or any of their respective subsidiaries of any such shares.
- 2. The obligations of Ceva to effect the Combination are subject to the satisfaction on or prior to the Effective Date of each of the following additional conditions, any of which may be waived in writing exclusively by DSPG and Ceva:
  - (a) the representations and warranties of Parthus set forth in the Combination Agreement and in any certificate or other writing delivered by Parthus pursuant to the Combination Agreement shall be true and correct: (i) as of the date of the Combination Agreement (except, in the case of this clause (i), to the extent such representations and warranties are specifically made as of a particular date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of such date); and (ii) as of the Effective Date as though made on and as of the Effective Date (except, in the case of this clause (ii): (x) to the extent such representations and warranties are specifically made as of a particular date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of such date; (y) for changes contemplated by the Combination Agreement or the Scheme; or (z) where the failures to be true and correct (without regard to any materiality, Parthus Material Adverse Effect or knowledge qualifications contained therein), individually or in the aggregate, have not had, and are not reasonably likely to have, a Parthus Material Adverse Effect); and DSPG and Ceva shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of Parthus by the chief executive officer or the chief financial officer of Parthus to such effect;
  - (b) Parthus shall have performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by it under the Combination Agreement on or prior to the time on the Effective Date at which the Scheme becomes effective; and Ceva shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of Parthus by the chief executive officer or the chief financial officer of Parthus to such effect;
  - (c) Parthus shall have obtained: (i) all consents and approvals of certain named third parties; and (ii) any other consent or approval of any third party (other than a Governmental Entity), the failure to obtain which, individually or in the aggregate, is reasonably likely to have a Parthus Material Adverse Effect; and
  - (d) each of the Parthus Directors and executive officers of Parthus and each beneficial owner of 3.5% or more of the outstanding Parthus Shares (including those in the form of Parthus ADSs) of which Parthus has knowledge shall have executed a voting agreement pursuant to which such party shall agree to vote all of its shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock with respect to elections of members of the Board of Directors of ParthusCeva, for the Ceva nominees, and with respect to all other matters to be voted on by the shareholders of ParthusCeva, either in accordance with the recommendations of the board of directors of ParthusCeva, or for or against any such matter in the same proportion as the shares owned by all other shareholders (excluding the holder and any transferee or arrangee of the holder who is an affiliate of such holder) are voted with respect to such matters, if the board of directors makes no such recommendation.
- 3. The obligation of Parthus to effect the Combination is subject to the satisfaction on or prior to the Effective Date of each of the following additional conditions, any of which may be waived, in writing, exclusively by Parthus:
  - (a) the representations and warranties of DSPG and Ceva set forth in the Combination Agreement and in any certificate or other writing delivered by DSPG and Ceva pursuant hereto shall be true and correct:
     (i) as of the date of the Combination Agreement (except, in the case of this clause (i), to the extent such representations and warranties are specifically made as of a particular date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of such date); and (ii) as of the Effective

Date as though made on and as of the Effective Date (except, in the case of this clause (ii): (x) to the extent such representations and warranties are specifically made as of a particular date, in which case such representations and warranties shall be true and correct as of such date; (y) for changes contemplated by the Combination Agreement or the Scheme; or (z) where the failures to be true and correct (without regard to any materiality, Ceva Material Adverse Effect or knowledge qualifications contained therein), individually or in the aggregate, have not had, and are not reasonably likely to have, a Ceva Material Adverse Effect); and Parthus shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of DSPG and Ceva by the chief executive officer or the chief financial officer of each of DSPG and Ceva to such effect;

- (b) DSPG and Ceva shall have performed in all material respects all obligations required to be performed by them under the Combination Agreement on or prior to the time on the Effective Date at which the Scheme becomes effective, and Parthus shall have received a certificate signed on behalf of DSPG and Ceva by the chief executive officer or the chief financial officer of each of DSPG and Ceva to such effect; and
- (c) DSPG and Ceva shall have obtained: (i) all consents and approvals of certain named parties; and (ii) any other consent or approval of any third party (other than a Governmental Entity), the failure to obtain which, individually or in the aggregate, is reasonably likely to have a Ceva Material Adverse Effect.

## PART 6

## SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT

## THE HIGH COURT

2002 No. 371 COS.

## IN THE MATTER OF PARTHUS TECHNOLOGIES PLC

and

## IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT, 1963

SCHEME OF ARRANGEMENT (under section 201 of the Companies Act, 1963)

between

## PARTHUS TECHNOLOGIES PLC

and

## THE HOLDERS OF SCHEME SHARES (as hereinafter defined)

and

## THE HOLDERS OF COMPANY SHARE OPTIONS

(as hereafter defined)

## Preliminary

(A) In this Scheme, unless inconsistent with the subject or context, the following expressions bear the following meanings:

"ADS"	an American Depositary Share, representing 10 Company Ordinary Shares
"business day"	a day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) on which banks are open for business in Dublin, London and New York, as appropriate
"Capital Repayment"	the payment to be made by the Company to Relevant Holders pursuant to Clauses $1(A)(i)$ and $2(A)$
"Company"	Parthus Technologies plc, a public limited company incorporated in Ireland under the Companies Acts, 1963 to 1990, with registered number 234615
"Company Ordinary Shares"	ordinary shares, nominal value 0.03c each, in the capital of the Company
"Company Share Option Plans"	all share option plans of the Company including the Parthus 2000 Share Option Plan and the Company's Chicory Systems Inc. 1999 Stock Option/Stock Issuance Plan
"Company Share Options"	options to purchase Company Ordinary Shares or ADSs pursuant to the Company Share Option Plans or otherwise
"Court"	the High Court of Ireland

"Court Meeting"

the meeting, or, where relevant, meetings of separate classes of holders of Company Ordinary Shares and holders of Company Share Options convened by direction of the Court pursuant to Section 201 of the Companies Act, 1963, including any adjournment thereof

"CREST"

the relevant system (as defined in the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI No 2001/3755 of the United Kingdom) in respect of which CRESTCo is the Operator (as defined in such regulations), being a paperless settlement system enabling securities to be evidenced otherwise than by certificate and transferred otherwise than by way of a written instrument

"CRESTCo"

CRESTCo Limited

"Designated Shares"

the seven Company Ordinary Shares held in the names of Gerard Halpenny, Justin McKenna, Daireann Gibson, Niamh McKeon, Jennifer McGuire, Maple Nominees Limited and Maple Secretaries Limited subject to an undertaking to transfer those shares to ParthusCeva, forthwith after the Effective Time

"DSPG"

DSP Group, Inc., a Delaware Corporation

"Effective Date"

the date on which the Scheme becomes effective in accordance with

Clause 5(A) hereof

"Effective Time"

the time on the Effective Date at which the Scheme becomes effective

"euro" or "€"

the lawful currency of the European Monetary Union

"Hearing Date"

the date on which the Order is made

"holder"

a registered holder and includes any person(s) entitled by transmission

"Irish Takeover Rules"

the Irish Takeover Panel Act, 1997, the Irish Takeover Panel Act, 1997, Takeover Rules 2001, and the Irish Takeover Panel Act, 1997, Substantial Acquisition Rules, 2001, or any rules or directions made by the Irish Takeover Panel thereunder

"Nasdaq"

The Nasdaq National Market, Inc.

"Order"

the order of the Court sanctioning the Scheme under section 201 of the Companies Act, 1963

"Ordinary Share Allotment Ratio" the fraction, expressed as a decimal with six decimal places, calculated as of the Scheme Record Time, rounded down to the sixth decimal place, the numerator of which equals that number of shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock that, if issued, would constitute 49.9% of the issued and outstanding shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock as of the Effective Time including such shares, rounded down to the nearest whole share; and the denominator of which is the number of Scheme Shares plus an additional 85,891 Company Ordinary Shares

"ParthusCeva"

Ceva, Inc., a corporation organised under the laws of the State of Delaware, to be renamed ParthusCeva, Inc., prior to the Effective Date

"ParthusCeva Common Stock"

shares of common stock, par value \$0.001, of ParthusCeva

"Relevant Holders"

holders of Scheme Shares whose names appear in the register of members of the Company at the Scheme Record Time

"Scheme"

this Scheme in its present form or with or subject to any modification, addition or condition approved or imposed by the Court

"Scheme Record Time"

10:00 p.m. (Dublin Time) on the business day immediately preceding the Effective Date or such other time or date agreed between the Company and ParthusCeva and, if so required, approved by the Court

"Scheme Shares"

- (i) the Company Ordinary Shares in issue at the date of this document; and
- (ii) any Company Ordinary Shares, issued after the date of this document and prior to the commencement of the Court Meeting or issued after the commencement of the Court Meeting and prior to the Scheme Record Time, in each case on terms that the original or any subsequent holder thereof shall be bound by the Scheme

"sterling"

pounds sterling

"Supplemental Tax Ruling"

a ruling from the IRS to the effect that the repricing of Parthus Options does not adversely affect the Tax Ruling

"Tax Ruling"

the ruling from the IRS to the effect that (i) the Ceva Contribution qualifies as a reorganisation within the meaning of Section 368 of the Code; (ii) the Ceva Distribution and the Internal Distribution (as defined in the IRS Ruling Letter issued to DSPG dated 26 September 2001) comply with the requirements of Section 355 of the Code and (iii) other transactions and events as to which DSPG has requested rulings will not cause Section 355 of the Code to apply to the Ceva Distribution and the Internal Distribution

"US\$"

United States dollars

- (B) The authorised share capital of the Company consists of an aggregate nominal value of €2,400,000 divided into 8,000,000,000 Company Ordinary Shares of which, as at close of business on 27 August 2002 (the last practicable date before publication of this document), 591,171,561 Company Ordinary Shares had been issued and were fully paid or credited as fully paid and the remainder of the Company Ordinary Shares were unissued. The amount standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account as at close of business on 27 August 2002 (the last practicable date before publication of this document) was €237,996,715.
- (C) Ceva was incorporated in November 1999 under the laws of the State of Delaware, USA. The authorised capital stock of ParthusCeva consists of 105,000,000 shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock, of which, as at close of business on 27 August 2002 (the last practicable date before publication of this document), 20,000,000 shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock were issued and outstanding.
- (D) Ceva is the holder of no Company Ordinary Shares.
- (E) Ceva has agreed to undertake to the Court to be bound thereby and to execute and do or procure to be executed and done all such documents, acts and things as may be necessary or desirable to be executed or done by it for the purpose of giving effect to this Scheme.
- (F) This Scheme is entered into in connection with the combination of ParthusCeva and the Company ("Combination").

## THE SCHEME

## 1. Reduction of Share Capital and Cancellation of the Scheme Shares

- (A) At the Effective Time pursuant to Sections 72 and 201 of the Companies Act, 1963 and Article 51 of the articles of association of the Company:
  - (i) The Company's capital shall be reduced by the cancellation of such part of the amount currently standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account as is equal to the euro equivalent (calculated on the basis of the relevant exchange rate shown by the noon buying rate as quoted on Bloomberg (CRNCY BQ) on the Effective Date) of US\$60 million and the Company shall pay to the holders of the Scheme Shares cash in accordance with Clause 2(A); and

- (ii) forthwith after the Capital Repayment, the share capital of the Company shall be reduced by extinguishing and cancelling (i) the Scheme Shares (with the exception only of the Designated Shares); and (ii) all amounts standing to the credit of the share premium account (as reduced by the Capital Repayment), capital redemption reserve fund and capital conversion reserve fund of the Company and the holders of the Scheme Shares shall be allotted shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock and/or paid in cash, whichever is applicable, in accordance with Clause 2(B).
- (B) Forthwith and contingently upon the reductions and cancellations of capital referred to in sub-clause (A) taking effect:
  - (i) the share capital of the Company shall be increased by €174,000 by the creation of 580,000,000 new Company Ordinary Shares (the "New Shares"); and
  - (ii) the Company shall apply €174,000 of the reserves arising as a result of the cancellation of the Scheme Shares in paying up in full the New Shares created pursuant to Clause 1(B)(i), which shall be allotted and issued, and credited as fully paid, to ParthusCeva and/or its nominee(s).
- (C) The Company shall have amended its articles of association in accordance with resolution 2(ii) set out in the notice of the extraordinary general meeting of the holders of Company Ordinary Shares to be held on 26 September 2002 (or at any adjournment of that meeting).
- (D) (i) If DSPG receives the Supplemental Tax Ruling prior to the Effective Time, then, at the Effective Time, each outstanding Company Share Option, whether vested or unvested, shall be adjusted so that the exercise price of each outstanding Company Share Option with an exercise price in excess of US\$2.67 per ADS (or US\$0.267 per Company Ordinary Share) shall be reduced to an exercise price equal to US\$2.67 per ADS (or US\$0.267 per Company Ordinary Share); and
  - (ii) At the Effective Time (and if DSPG receives the Supplemental Tax Ruling prior to the Effective Time, then after taking account of the adjustment described in Clause 1(D)(i)), each outstanding Company Share Option, whether vested or unvested, and the Share Option Plans themselves, insofar as they relate to outstanding Company Share Options shall be assumed by ParthusCeva and each such option shall be deemed to constitute an option to acquire, on the same terms and conditions as were applicable under such Company Share Option immediately prior to the Effective Time, a number of shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock equal to the product of: (i) the number of Company Ordinary Shares (or such Company Ordinary Shares underlying any ADSs) subject to such option; and (ii) the Ordinary Share Allotment Ratio (rounded down to the nearest whole number), at a price per share (rounded up to the nearest whole cent) equal to the quotient of: (a) the exercise price for each Company Ordinary Share purchasable pursuant to such Company Share Option immediately prior to the Effective Time (as adjusted pursuant to this Clause 1(D)(i), if applicable), divided by (b) the Ordinary Share Allotment Ratio.

## 2. Payment of cash following reduction in Share Premium Account and consideration for the cancellation of the Scheme Shares

- (A) The Company shall pay, subject to Clause 2(C), to the Relevant Holders such amount in cash in respect of each Scheme Share held as equals the euro equivalent (calculated on the basis of the relevant exchange rate as shown by the noon buying rate as quoted on Bloomberg (CRNCY BQ) on the Effective Date) of US\$60 million divided by the total number of Scheme Shares outstanding at the Scheme Record Time. The actual payment to Relevant Holders shall be made by the Company in sterling (calculated on the basis of the relevant exchange rate as shown by the noon buying rate as quoted on Bloomberg (CRNCY BQ) on the business day prior to the date of actual payment) or in euro if the Relevant Holder has made the requisite prior election to receive euro.
- (B) In consideration of the cancellation of the Scheme Shares, ParthusCeva shall, subject to Clauses 2(C) and 3(D), allot and issue new shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock credited as fully paid to and amongst the Relevant Holders so that the number of new shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock to be so allotted and issued to each Relevant Holder shall be the number of Scheme Shares held by such Relevant Holder multiplied by the Ordinary Share Allotment Ratio, provided that no fractional shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock shall be issued to any such Relevant Holder and if, but for this provision, any such Relevant Holder would be entitled to a fractional share of ParthusCeva Common Stock, ParthusCeva shall procure that each Relevant Holder shall receive the amount of cash (without

interest) in an amount equal to such fractional part of a share of ParthusCeva Common Stock multiplied by the average of the high and low reported closing prices of one share of ParthusCeva Common Stock on the Nasdaq National Market on the first five days on which ParthusCeva Common Stock is quoted on the Nasdaq National Market.

(C) The Company and ParthusCeva shall be entitled to deduct and withhold or cause to be deducted and withheld from the Capital Repayment, the cash payable in lieu of fractional interests in shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock and/or the consideration otherwise payable pursuant to the Scheme such amounts as the Company or ParthusCeva, as the case may be, reasonably determines that it is required to deduct or withhold with respect to such payment pursuant to the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended) or under any applicable provision of law. To the extent that such amounts are so withheld or deducted by the Company or ParthusCeva, as the case may be, or caused to be so withheld or deducted, such withheld or deducted amounts shall be treated as having been paid to the Relevant Holder in respect of which such withholding or deduction was made or caused to be made by the Company or ParthusCeva, as the case may be. Each of the Company or ParthusCeva shall have the right to collect or cause to be collected from Relevant Holders, US Internal Revenue Service forms W-8 BEN or W-9, as applicable, and any similar forms required under any other applicable law.

#### 3. Allotment and issue of shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock

- (A) The shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock to be issued pursuant to Clause 2 shall rank *pari passu* in all respects with all other shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock in issue on the Effective Date and shall be entitled to share in all dividends or distributions made, paid or declared on shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock following the Effective Date.
- (B) Immediately after the Scheme becomes effective, ParthusCeva shall issue such shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock as are required to be issued by it to give effect to this Scheme to the persons respectively entitled thereto, such consideration to be settled as set out in sub-clause (C) of this Clause.
- (C) Settlement of the consideration shall be effected in accordance with the time limits set out in and other provisions of the Irish Takeover Rules and otherwise in accordance with the following provisions:
  - (i) in respect of a holding of Scheme Shares in uncertificated form at the Scheme Record Time, the shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock to which the Relevant Holder is entitled shall be issued in uncertificated form. ParthusCeva shall procure that CRESTCo is instructed to credit the appropriate stock account in CREST of the Relevant Holder with CREST Depositary Interests representing such Relevant Holder's entitlement to shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock. ParthusCeva reserves the right to settle all or any part of the consideration referred to in this subclause for all or any Relevant Holders in the manner referred to in sub-clause (C)(ii), if, for any reason, it wishes to do so.
  - (ii) in respect of a holding of Scheme Shares in certificated form at the Scheme Record Time, the shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock to which the Relevant Holder is entitled shall be issued in certificated form and a certificate for those shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock shall be issued, provided that such shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock are still held in certificated form immediately prior to the despatch of such certificates.
- (D) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing, if in respect of any Relevant Holder who is a citizen, resident or national of any jurisdiction outside Ireland, the UK or the US ("overseas shareholder"), ParthusCeva is advised that the allotment and issue of ParthusCeva Common Stock pursuant to this Clause 3 would or might infringe the laws of any jurisdiction outside Ireland, the UK or the US or would or might require ParthusCeva to obtain any governmental or other consent or any registration, filing or other formality with which it would be unable to comply or with which would be unduly onerous to comply, ParthusCeva may either:
  - (i) determine that no ParthusCeva Common Stock shall be issued to such overseas shareholder under this Clause 3, but shall instead be issued to a nominee appointed by ParthusCeva, as a trustee for such overseas shareholder, on terms that they shall, as soon as reasonably practicable following the Effective Date, be sold on behalf of such overseas shareholder at the best price which can be reasonably obtained and the net proceeds of such sale shall (after the deduction of all expenses

- and commission, including any amount in respect of value added tax payable thereon) be paid (without interest) to such overseas shareholder by sending a cheque to such overseas shareholder in accordance with the provisions of sub-clause (E) of this Clause 3. None of the Company, ParthusCeva, any nominee referred to in this sub-clause (D)(i) or any broker or agent of any of them shall have any liability (save in the case of bad faith or wilful default) for any loss arising as a result of the timing or terms of any such sale; or
- (ii) determine that such ParthusCeva Common Stock shall be sold, in which event the ParthusCeva Common Stock shall be issued to such overseas shareholder and ParthusCeva shall appoint a person to act pursuant to this sub-clause D(ii) and such person shall be authorised on behalf of such overseas shareholder to procure that any share in respect of which ParthusCeva has made such a determination shall, as soon as reasonably practicable following the Effective Date, be sold at the best price which can reasonably be obtained at the time of sale and the net proceeds of such sale (after the deduction of all expenses and commission, including any amount in respect of value added tax payable thereon) shall be paid (without interest) to such overseas shareholder by sending a cheque to such overseas shareholder in accordance with the provision of sub-clause (E) of this Clause 3. To give effect to any such sale, the person so appointed shall be authorised on behalf of such overseas shareholder to execute and deliver a form of transfer and to give such instructions and to do all such things which he may consider necessary or expedient in connection with such sale. None of the Company, ParthusCeva, the person so appointed to act pursuant to this sub-clause (D)(ii) or any broker or agent of any of them shall have any liability (save in the case of bad faith or wilful default) for any loss arising as a result of the timing or terms of any such sale.
- (E) All deliveries of notices and documents of title and cheques required to be made by this Scheme shall be effected by posting the same in prepaid envelopes addressed to the persons respectively entitled thereto at their respective addresses as appearing in the register of members or, as the case may be, register of optionholders (or, in the case of joint holders, to the address of that one of the joint holders whose name stands first in the said register of members in respect of the joint holding) at the Scheme Record Time or to such other addresses (if any) as such persons may respectively notify in writing as a change of address.
- (F) Neither the Company nor ParthusCeva shall be responsible for any loss or delay in the transmission of the documents of title or cheques posted in accordance with Clause 3(E), which shall be posted at the risk of the addressee.
- (G) After the issue of certificates for ParthusCeva Common Stock, every person who was a holder of Scheme Shares shall be bound on the request of the Company to deliver up to the Company, or to any person appointed by the Company to receive the same, the existing certificate(s) for his/her Scheme Shares, which will have ceased to be of value, for cancellation. After the Scheme Record Time there shall be no further registrations of transfers on the register of members of the Company that was outstanding immediately prior to the Scheme Record Date. From the Effective Time each share certificate for any Scheme Shares shall cease to be of any value and shall not entitle the holder thereof to any right whatsoever, except that (provided that such certificate represents Company Ordinary Shares on the register at the Scheme Record Time) they shall evidence, prima facie, the right to receive (i) the Relevant Holder's proportionate entitlement to the Capital Repayment; and (ii) the number of shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock equal to the Ordinary Share Allotment Ratio multiplied by the number of Scheme Shares evidenced by such certificate. In addition, in respect of those Relevant Holders holding their Company Ordinary Shares in uncertificated form, CRESTCo shall be instructed to disable such Relevant Holders' entitlement to Company Ordinary Shares.
- (H) All shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock issued upon cancellation of the Scheme Shares in accordance with Clause 2 (including any cash paid pursuant to Clauses 2(A), 2(B) and 3(D)), shall be deemed to have been issued in full satisfaction of all rights pertaining to such Scheme Shares.
- (I) No interest shall be payable by ParthusCeva and/or Parthus with respect to: (i) the issue of shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock; (ii) the cash payable in lieu of fractional interests in shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock; and (iii) the cash payable pursuant to the Capital Repayment, regardless of when delivered or paid, respectively to the Relevant Holder.

- (J) In the event that certificates representing shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock issued in connection with the Scheme are returned to ParthusCeva or the Company (or any agent of either of them) or the relevant electronic book entry accounts of any Relevant Holder(s) are not able to be properly credited or any cash in lieu of fractional interests in ParthusCeva Common Stock is returned to ParthusCeva or the Company (or any agent of either of them), then after one (1) year following the Effective Time, any affected Relevant Holder may make a claim against ParthusCeva only for his entitlement to shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock or any cash in lieu of fractional interests in ParthusCeva Common Stock.
- (K) Neither ParthusCeva nor the Company shall be liable to any holder of Scheme Shares for any such shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock (or dividends or distributions with respect to such shares) or cash delivered to a public official in compliance with any abandoned property, escheat or law permitting attachment of money or property or similar law.

## 4. Payment mandates

Each mandate in force on the Effective Date relating to the payment of dividends on any Scheme Shares and other instructions given to the Company by holders shall, unless and until revoked, be deemed as from the Effective Date to be an effective mandate or instruction to ParthusCeva in relation to the corresponding new shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock to be allotted and issued pursuant to this Scheme.

## 5. Operation of this Scheme

- (A) This Scheme shall become effective as soon as an office copy of the Order shall have been duly delivered by the Company to the Registrar of Companies for registration and a copy of the order of the Court under section 74 of the Companies Act, 1963 confirming the reduction of the share premium account provided for by this Scheme and a copy of the minute required by section 75 of that Act shall have been duly delivered by the Company to the Registrar of Companies for registration and registered by him, all of which deliveries shall be subject to Clause 5(C).
- (B) Unless this Scheme shall become effective on or before 31 December 2002 or such later date, if any, as the Company and ParthusCeva may agree and the Court may allow, this Scheme shall never become effective.
- (C) The Company and ParthusCeva have agreed that in certain circumstances the necessary action to seek sanction of this Scheme or to make the Scheme effective may not be taken.
- (D) The Company and ParthusCeva may, but neither shall be required to, jointly consent on behalf of all persons concerned to any modification of or addition to this Scheme or to any condition which the Court may approve or impose.

#### 6. Costs

The Company is authorised and permitted to pay all the costs and expenses relating to the negotiation, preparation, approval and implementation of this Scheme.

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#### PART 7

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## 1. Responsibility

The directors of Parthus, whose names are set out in paragraph 2.1 below, accept responsibility for the information contained in this document relating to the Parthus Group, the Parthus Directors, their immediate families, related trusts and persons connected with them. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Parthus Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this document for which they are responsible is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

The directors of DSPG and Ceva, whose names are set out in paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3, respectively, below, accept responsibility for the information contained in this document other than that relating to the Parthus Group, the Parthus Directors, their immediate families, related trusts and persons connected with them. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the DSPG Directors and the Ceva Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this document for which they are responsible is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

## 2. The Parthus Directors, the DSPG Directors and the Ceva Directors

## 2.1 The Parthus Directors and their respective functions are:

Name	Position held
Michael Peirce	Chairman
Brian Long *	Chief Executive Officer
Kevin Fielding *	President
Peter McManamon	Executive Vice President for Corporate Development
William McCabe *	Non-executive director
Sven-Christer Nilsson *	Non-executive director

With effect from the Effective Date, the Parthus Directors marked with an asterisk will become directors of ParthusCeva. All other Parthus Directors will retire from the board of directors of Parthus at that time.

## 2.2 The DSPG Directors and their respective functions are:

Name	Position held
Eliyahu Ayalon	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Zvi Limon	Director
Yair Seroussi	Director
Yair Shamir	Director
Louis Silver	Director
Patrick Tanguy	Director

#### 2.3 The Ceva Directors and their respective functions are:

Name	Position held
Eliyahu Ayalon	Chairman
Zvi Limon	Director
Bruce Mann	Director
Louis Silver	Director

## 3. London Stock Exchange and Nasdaq prices

Set out below are the closing dealt prices of Parthus Shares and Parthus ADSs as derived from the Official List and on the Nasdaq National Market on:

- (a) the first dealing day of each of the six months immediately prior to the date of this document;
- (b) 4 April 2002 (the last dealing day before announcement of the Combination); and
- (c) 27 August 2002 (the last practicable date before publication of this document).

Date		Parthus Shares (pence)	Parthus ADSs (US\$)
1 March	2002	35.25	5.00
2 April	2002	42.00	5.90
4 April	2002	43.75	6.50
1 May	2002	28.00	4.25
5 June	2002	28.25	4.20
1 July	2002	21.50	2.79
1 August	2002	22.75	3.38
27 August	2002	20.75	3.05

The Scheme will have effect in respect of the 591,171,561 Parthus Shares in issue and 107,776,687 Parthus Shares in respect of which options have been granted under the Parthus Share Schemes. Upon full implementation of the Scheme and based on the number of Ceva Shares expected to be in issue following the Spin-off, approximately 8,999,500 ParthusCeva Shares will be issued to Parthus Shareholders who will also receive the Capital Repayment. All dividend rights on or in respect of the Parthus Shares will be extinguished on their cancellation pursuant to the Scheme. The ParthusCeva Shares issued to Parthus Shareholders will be entitled to any dividend declared after the Effective Date and will rank *pari passu* with all existing ParthusCeva Shares.

## 4. Shareholdings and dealings

For the purpose of this paragraph 4, "disclosure period" means the period commencing on 14 March 2001, and ending on 27 August 2002 (the last practicable date before publication of this document) unless otherwise indicated.

#### 4.1 Interests in Parthus Shares

On 27 August 2002 (the last practicable day before publication of this document):

(a) The interests of the Parthus Directors (within the meaning of Chapter 1 of Part IV of the 1990 Act), in the issued share capital of Parthus were as follows:

Name	Number of	Share options				
	Parthus Shares	Number	Date of	Exercise	Exercis	e dates
	Shares		grant	price per Parthus Share (US\$)	From	То
Michael Peirce	18,383,645		_		_	
Brian Long	110,442,4221		_		_	_
Kevin Fielding	6,517	466,680	22/07/98	0.032	22/07/99	22/07/05
		226,810	01/06/99	0.165	01/06/00	01/06/06
		300,000	4/02/00	0.75	04/02/01	04/02/07
		1,000,000	07/11/00	2.60	07/11/01	07/11/07
		2,500	30/11/00	2.10	30/11/01	30/11/07
		4,900,000	20/09/01	0.285	20/09/02	20/09/08
		5,400,000	20/06/02	0.30	20/06/03	20/06/09
Peter McManamon	29,955,938	2,500	30/11/00	2.10	30/11/01	30/11/07
William McCabe	_			_	_	
Sven-Christer Nilsson	_	400,000	17/02/00	0.75	17/02/01	17/02/07
		400,000	20/06/02	0.30	20/06/03	20/06/09

## Note:

<sup>1</sup> This number of Parthus Shares includes (i) 280,000 Parthus Shares held by Mr. Long's wife and (ii) 100,492,422 Parthus Shares held beneficially and of record by Mr. Long that are subject to a put and call option agreement between Mr. Long and Ollaberry Limited, an Isle of Man limited company that is an affiliate of Mr. Long.

(b) The interests of the advisers to DSPG and Ceva in the issued share capital of Parthus were as follows:

Name	Number of Parthus Shares
Quilter & Co. Limited <sup>1</sup>	67,256

Note:

1 related to Morgan Stanley

(c) The interests of the advisers to Parthus in the issued share capital of Parthus were as follows:

Name	Number of	Share options					
	Parthus Shares			Exercise	Exercis	Exercise dates	
	onares			price per Parthus Share (US\$)	From	То	
GS Capital Partners III L.P. <sup>1</sup>	18,313,627	_	_	_		_	
GS Capital Partners III							
Offshore, L.P. <sup>1</sup>	5,034,638			_		_	
Goldman, Sachs & Co.							
Verwaltungs GmbH <sup>1</sup>	845,450		_	_		_	
Stone Street Fund 1998, L.P. <sup>1</sup>	1,238,981	_	_	_			
Bridge Street Fund 1998,							
L.P. <sup>1</sup>	373,932	_	_	-			
Goldman, Sachs & Co. <sup>1</sup>	2,990						
Gerard Halpenny <sup>2</sup>	400,100	641,670	20/08/1999	0.165	01/06/2000	20/08/2006	
		502,500	30/11/2000	2.10	30/11/2001	30/11/2007	
Emmet Scully <sup>2</sup>	4,470	_				<del></del> -	
Michael Kavanagh <sup>2</sup>	2,400				_	_	

#### Notes:

<sup>1</sup> all affiliates of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., the ultimate holding company of Goldman Sachs International

a partner in L.K. Shields, Solicitors. In addition, the Designated Shares are included in the shareholding of Gerard Halpenny, and with the exception of one Designated Share held in the name of Gerard Halpenny, are all held in trust for him by partners, employees or affiliates of L. K. Shields, Solicitors.

## 4.2 Interests in DSPG Shares

(a) On 27 August 2002 (the last practicable date before publication of this document) the interests of the DSPG Directors and the DSPG Directors in the issued share capital of DSPG were as follows:

Name	Number of	Share options				
	DSPG Shares	Number	Date of	Exercise	Exercis	se dates
	Shares		grant	price per — DSPG Share (US\$)	From	То
Eliyahu Ayalon	4,434	7,582	25/08/97	13.1875	25/08/98	25/08/04
• · · ·		57,418	25/08/97	13.1875	25/08/98	25/08/04
•		75,000	02/07/98	9.2813	02/07/98	02/07/05
		225,000	21/04/99	9.2188	22/04/99	21/04/06
		225,000	25/11/99	33.4375	25/11/99	24/11/06
		150,000	26/10/00	22.0000	31/12/00	26/10/07
		150,000	31/05/01	17.9000	31/05/01	31/05/08
		250,000	04/02/02	22.5400	04/02/02	04/02/09
Zvi Limon		20,000	05/02/99	6.8125	05/02/03	05/02/04
		20,000	05/02/99	6.8125	05/02/00	05/02/09
		10,000	03/01/00	48.3125	03/01/01	03/01/10
		20,000	02/01/01	20.0625	02/01/02	02/01/11
		20,000	01/01/02	23.2600	01/01/03	01/01/12
Yair Seroussi		30,000	04/02/02	22.5400	04/02/03	04/02/12
		20,000	04/02/02	22.5400	04/02/06	04/02/09
Yair Shamir		3,332	02/01/98	9.6250	02/01/99	02/01/08
		6,666	04/01/99	10.1875	04/01/00	04/01/09
		10,000	03/01/00	48.3125	03/01/01	03/01/10
		20,000	02/01/01	20.0625	02/01/02	02/01/11
Louis Silver		20,000	01/01/02	23.2600	01/01/03	01/01/12
Louis Silver	10,000	10,000	11/11/99	30.8750	11/11/00	11/11/09
		20,000	11/11/99	28.8125	11/11/03	11/11/06
		30,000	02/01/01	20.0625	02/01/02	02/01/11
		10,000	01/01/02	23.2600	01/01/03	01/01/12
Patrick Tanguy		20,000	11/11/99	30.8750	11/11/00	11/11/09
		10,000	11/11/99	28.8125	11/11/03	11/11/06
		10,000	02/01/01	20.0625	02/01/02	02/01/11
		30,000	01/01/02	23.2600	01/01/03	01/01/12

(b) The interests of the advisers to DSPG in the issued share capital of DSPG were as follows:

Name	Number of DSPG Shares
Morgan Stanley & Co.	
Incorporated <sup>1</sup>	14,832
Morgan Stanley Investment	
Advisers Inc. <sup>1</sup>	693
Morgan Stanley Investment	
Management Inc. <sup>1</sup>	1,293

Note:

1 all related to Morgan Stanley

(c) The interests of the advisers to Parthus in the issued share capital of DSPG were as follows:

Name	Number of DSPG Shares
Goldman, Sachs & Co.1	(6,292)
Goldman Sachs International <sup>1</sup>	358
Spear, Leeds & Kellogg L.P. <sup>1</sup>	$(15)^2$
SLK Index Specialists LLC <sup>1</sup>	215

#### Notes:

- 1 all affiliates of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., the ultimate holding company of Goldman Sachs International
- 2 Spear, Leeds & Kellogg L.P. is a Market Maker on Nasdaq and is authorised to hold a short position

## 4.3 Interests in Ceva Shares

On 27 August 2002 (the last practicable date before publication of this document) the interests of the Ceva Directors and the DSPG Directors, in the issued share capital of Ceva were as follows:

Name	Number	Share options					
	of Ceva Shares	Number	Date of grant	Exercise price per Ceva Share (US\$)	Exercis From	se dates	
Eliyahu Ayalon		800,000	19/07/2000	5.3700	19/07/00	19/07/07	
Zvi Limon		40,000	19/07/2000	5.3700	19/07/01	19/07/07	
Bruce Mann	_	40,000	24/04/2001	6.5300	24/04/02	24/04/08	
Louis Silver	· <u> </u>	40,000	04/04/2002	6.5300	04/04/03	04/04/09	

## 4.4 Dealings in Parthus Shares

(a) The following Parthus Directors and their spouses and infant children have dealt for value in Parthus Shares (including Parthus Shares in the form of Parthus ADSs) during the disclosure period as follows:

Name	Date	Nature of transaction	Number of Parthus Shares	Price
Brian Long	4 September 2001	Share disposal	2,520,000	Nil (Gift)
	9 May 2002	Option exercise	2,000,000	US\$0.165115
Kevin Fielding	29 May 2001	Share disposal	600,000	£1.04
	5 September 2001	Share acquisition	666,670	US\$0.032
	5 September 2001	Share acquisition	31,530	US\$0.165
	13 September 2001	Share disposal	1,900,007	Nil (Gift)
Peter McMananon	9 May 2002	Option exercise	2,000,000	US\$0.165115

(b) The following advisers to DSPG and Ceva have dealt for value in Parthus Shares during the disclosure period as follows:

Name	Date	Nature of transaction	Number of Parthus Shares	Price (£)
Morgan Stanley & Co				
Incorporated <sup>1</sup> ······	6 June 2001	Sale	150,000	0.9391
	12 June 2001	Acquisition	150,000	0.844
	14 March 2001	Acquisition	300,000	1.1067
	15 March 2001	Acquisition	100,000	1.12
	16 March 2001	Acquisition	200,000	1.016
	19 March 2001	Acquisition	200,000	0.95
	20 March 2001	Acquisition	200,000	0.9127
	20 March 2001	Acquisition	45,401	0.92
	20 March 2001	Acquisition	2,838	0.92
	21 March 2001	Acquisition	248,720	0.8059
Quilter & Co. Limited <sup>1</sup> ·····	20 March 2001	Sale	4,000	0.9125
	20 April 2001	Acquisition	3,500	0.93
	5 July 2001	Acquisition	4,000	0.45
	12 July 2001	Acquisition	7,500	0.60
	12 July 2001	Sale	7,500	0.59
e e	2 August 2001	Sale	4,000	0.645
	2 August 2001	Acquisition	4,000	0.645
	4 September 2001	Acquisition	5,000	0.399
·	4 September 2001	Sale	1,000	0.371
	17 October 2001	Sale	1,500	0.47
	22 October 2001	Sale	2,000	0.37
	7 December 2001	Acquisition	6,400	0.4275
	28 May 2002	Sale	2,500	0.272
	30 May 2002	Acquisition	2,000	0.2848

Note:

(c) The following advisers to DSPG and Ceva have dealt for value in Parthus ADSs during the disclosure period as follows:

Name	Date	Nature of transaction	Number of Parthus ADSs	Price Range (US\$)
Morgan Stanley & Co.	14 March 2001 to	Sale	1,600	12.68-15.62
Incorporated <sup>1</sup>	13 April 2001	Acquisition	1,600	12.7188-15.5313
				3
	14 October 2001 to	Sale	300	5.59-5.60
	13 November 2001	Acquisition	300	6.00-6.01
	14 December 2001 to	Sale	28,100	4.96-5.39
	13 January 2002	Acquisition	28,100	5.32-5.65
	14 February 2002 to	Sale	9,100	£4.31-4.51
	13 March 2002	Acquisition	9,100	£4.32-4.45
Note:				

related to Morgan Stanley

<sup>1</sup> related to Morgan Stanley

(d) The following advisers to Parthus have dealt for value in Parthus Shares during the disclosure period as follows:

Name	Date	Nature of transaction	Number of Parthus Shares	Price (US\$)
Gerard Halpenny <sup>1</sup>	4 April 2001	Option Exercise	87,500	0.165
	2 July 2001	ESPP Allocation	17,950	0.659
	26 July 2001	Option Exercise	145,840	0.165
	1 August 2001	Option Exercise	29,170	0.165
	7 August 2001	Sale	98,860	0.772
	9 August 2001	Sale	98,860	0.709
	2 January 2002	ESPP Allocation	13,640	0.425
	14 January 2002	Sale	13,640	0.506
	1 July 2002	ESPP Allocation	7,610	0.272

Note:

(e) The following advisers to Parthus have dealt for value in Parthus ADSs during the period 15 March 2002 to 27 August 2002 (the latest practicable date before publication of this document) as follows:

Name	Date	Nature of transaction	Number of Parthus ADSs	Price Range (US\$)
Goldman, Sachs & Co.1	15 March 2002 to	Acquisition	94,200	6.30-5.15
	14 April 2002	Sale	98,020	6.49-5.29
	15 April 2002 to	Acquisition	51,991	5.25-4.05
	14 May 2002	Sale	48,723	5.40-4.10
	15 May 2002 to	Acquisition	40,822	4.00-3.60
	14 June 2002	Sale	40,500	4.40-4.05
	15 June 2002 to 14 July 2002	Acquisition	1,099	3.25-2.75
	15 July 2002 to 14 August 2002	Sale	1,000	3.99-3.99
Spear, Leeds & Kellogg				
L.P. <sup>1</sup>	15 March 2002 to	Acquisition	51,850	6.50-5.25
	14 April 2002	Sale	54,156	6.50-5.17
	15 April 2002 to	Acquisition	14,943	5.15-3.93
	14 May 2002	Sale	14,878	5.49-3.86
	15 May 2002 to	Acquisition	7,912	4.49-3.59
	14 June 2002	Sale	7,809	4.55-3.50
	15 June 2002 to	Acquisition	47,330	3.67-2.70
	14 July 2002	Sale	37,305	3.25-2.80
	15 July 2002 to	Acquisition	5,091	4.00-3.00
	14 August 2002	Sale	5,065	4.00-3.01
	15 August 2002 to	Acquisition	500	3.15-3.08
	27 August 2002	Sale	500	3.15-3.08

## Note:

<sup>1</sup> a partner in L.K. Shields Solicitors

all affiliates of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., the ultimate holding company of Goldman Sachs International

## 4.5 Dealings in DSPG Shares and Ceva Shares

(a) The following DSPG Directors and Ceva Directors and their spouses and infant children have dealt for value in DSPG Shares during the disclosure period as follows:

Name	Date	Nature of transaction	Number of DSPG Shares	Price (US\$)
Yair Shamir	30 April 2001	Option Exercise	10,000	3.8125
	30 April 2001	Sale	10,000	22.400
	15 August 2001	Option Exercise	10,000	3.8125
	15 August 2001	Sale	10,000	23.850

(b) The following advisers to DSPG and Ceva have dealt for value in DSPG Shares during the disclosure period as follows:

Name:	Date	Nature of transaction	Number of DSPG Shares	Price Range (US\$)
Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated <sup>1</sup>	14 March 2001 to 13 April 2001	Sale Acquisition	184,186 81,601	13.625-18.3125 13.625-18.25
•	14 April 2001 to	Sale	37,496	17.17-23.18
	13 May 2001	Acquisition	41,060	18.48-23.00
	14 May 2001 to	Sale	46,132	17.75-22.27
	13 June 2001	Acquisition	39,386	17.70-22.45
	14 June 2001 to	Sale	113,902	18.60-21.60
	13 July 2001	Acquisition	70,304	18.60-21.52
	14 July 2001 to	Sale	33,453	19.75-25.62
	13 August 2001	Acquisition	32,424	20.3996-24.59
	14 August 2001 to	Sale	35,490	22.80-26.15
	13 September 2001	Acquisition	67,251	21.95-26.20
	14 September 2001 to	Sale	18,401	18.60-24.11
	13 October 2001	Acquisition	27,894	18.34-24.21
	14 October 2001 to	Sale	30,043	20.23-24.85
	13 November 2001	Acquisition	26,885	19.78-24.00
	14 November 2001 to	Sale	18,031	21.59-24.67
	13 December 2001	Acquisition	54,279	21.70-24.57
	14 December 2001 to	Sale	141,305	21.53-24.86
	13 January 2002	Acquisition	78,583	21.44-24.86
	14 January 2002 to	Sale	91,816	21.52-24.20
	13 February 2002	Acquisition	62,307	21.74-24.05
	14 February 2002 to	Sale	57,029	19.73-23.10
	13 March 2002	Acquisition	77,281	19.81-22.95
Morgan Stanley Investment	14 March 2001 to	Acquisition	100	17.38
Management Inc. <sup>1</sup>	13 April 2001			
	14 May 2001 to	Sale	24,660	18.75
	13 June 2001	Acquisition	54,660	19.00-20.31
	14 June 2001 to	Acquisition	199,600	18.60-21.52
	13 July 2001	C 1	000	24.44
	14 July 2001 to	Sale	800	24.44
	13 August 2001	A	176 600	22.04.22.00
	14 August 2001 to 13 September 2001	Acquisition	176,600	22.94-23.90
	14 September 2001 to 13 October 2001	Sale	2,600	18.91
	14 October 2001 to	Sale	306,000	23.04-23.71
	13 November 2001	Acquisition	1,100	22.65
	14 November 2001 to	Sale	104,900	23.45-23.77
	13 December 2001	Acquisition	1,100	22.65
Notes:				

1 related to Morgan Stanley

(c) The following advisers to Parthus have dealt for value in DSPG Shares during the period 15 March 2002 to 27 August 2002 (the last practicable date before the publication of this document) as follows:

Name:	Date	Nature of transaction	Number of DSPG Shares	Price Range (US \$)
Goldman, Sachs & Co.1	15 March 2002 to	Sale	331,908	21.05-19.3027
	14 April 2002	Acquisition	329,607	21.05-19.00
	15 April 2002 to	Sale	662,913	23.05-18.70
	14 May 2002	Acquisition	661,136	23.05-18.73
	15 May 2002 to	Sale	452,693	21.08-16.71
	14 June 2002	Acquisition	441,749	21.10-17.16
	15 June 2002 to	Sale	723,883	19.60-17.20
	14 July 2002	Acquisition	723,163	19.6191-17.26
	15 July 2002 to	Sale	23,648	17.75-15.11
	14 August 2002	Acquisition	27,236	18.72-15.11
	15 August 2002 to	Sale	38,355	18.11-16.44
	27 August 2002	Acquisition	38,771	18.11-15.62
Goldman Sachs	15 March 2002 to	Sale	2,306	20.35-19.63
International <sup>1</sup>	14 April 2002	Acquisition	2,442	20.77-19.75
	15 April 2002 to	Sale	5,135	22.70-19.90
	14 May 2002	Acquisition	3,700	22.70-19.47
	15 May 2002 to	Sale	53	18.60-18.60
	14 June 2002	Acquisition	53	18.60-18.60
	15 July 2002 to			
	14 August 2002	Sale	358	16.90-16.90
Spear, Leeds & Kellogg	15 March 2002 to	Sale	267,773	21.05-18.85
L.P. <sup>1</sup>	14 April 2002	Acquisition	294,094	21.04-18.97
	15 April 2002 to	Sale	423,558	23.05-18.65
	14 May 2002	Acquisition	418,727	23.05-18.65
	15 May 2002 to	Sale	234,308	21.16-16.41
	14 June 2002	Acquisition	226,617	21.14-16.65
	15 June 2002 to	Sale	335,575	19.70-16.93
	14 July 2002	Acquisition	346,023	19.72-16.86
	15 July 2002 to	Sale	262,056	18.76-15.09
	14 August 2002	Acquisition	265,125	18.50-15.11
	15 August 2002 to	Sale	88,300	17.65-15.53
	27 August 2002	Acquisition	88,435	18.12-15.52

#### Notes

1 all affiliates of the Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., the ultimate holding company of Goldman Sachs International

- (d) There have been no transactions in Ceva Shares during the six months preceding the date of this document.
- 4.6 On 17 September 2001, DSPG repurchased 30,000 DSPG Shares at US\$20.727 per share. On 19 September 2001, DSPG repurchased 10,000 DSPG Shares at US\$19.00 per share. These purchases were made pursuant to the DSPG stock repurchase program.
- 4.7 References in this paragraph 4 to an "associate" of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva (as the case may be) are to a person acting in concert with Parthus, DSPG or Ceva or to a person who:
  - (a) is the holding company, a subsidiary or a subsidiary of the holding company, of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva;
  - (b) is an associated company of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva or of an associate of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva described in paragraph (a);
  - (c) is a company of which Parthus, DSPG or Ceva or an associate of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva described in paragraph (a) or (b) is an associated company;
  - (d) is a bank or a financial or other professional adviser (including a stockbroker) which is acting in relation to the Scheme for Parthus, DSPG or Ceva or for an associate of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) (not being a bank which is engaged only in the provision to Parthus, DSPG or Ceva or such associate, as the case may be, of normal commercial banking services or in such activities in connection with the offer as confirming that cash is available, handling

acceptances and other registration work) provided that, in the case of an adviser which is a partnership, only those partners and professional staff who are actively engaged in relation to the Scheme or who are customarily engaged in the affairs of the relevant client or who have been engaged in those affairs within the period of two years prior to the commencement of the disclosure period shall be deemed to be associates of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva (as the case may be);

- (e) is a person controlling, controlled by, or under the same control as, an associate of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva described in paragraph (d);
- (f) is a director of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva as set out in paragraphs 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3 above or any associate of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) or is a spouse, parent, brother, sister or child of such a director or is a trustee of a trust (including a discretionary trust) of which such a director or any spouse, parent, brother, sister or child of such a director is a beneficiary or potential beneficiary;
- (g) is a trustee of any pension scheme (other than an industry-wide scheme) in which Parthus, DSPG or Ceva or any associate of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva described in paragraph (a), (b) or (c) participates;
- (h) is a collective investment scheme or other person the investments of which Parthus, DSPG or Ceva or any associate of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva manages on a discretionary basis, in respect of the relevant investment accounts;
- (i) owns or controls, or together with one or more other persons acting in concert with him or her owns or controls, 5% or more of any class of relevant securities (as described in paragraphs (a) to (d) in Rule 8.9 of Part B of the Takeover Code) of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva;
- is a party to an arrangement to which Rule 8.7 of Part B of the Takeover Code applies with Parthus or with an associate of Parthus in respect of Parthus Shares, or is a party to such an arrangement with DSPG or Ceva or with an associate of DSPG or Ceva in respect of Parthus Shares;
- (k) has a material business relationship with Parthus, DSPG or Ceva; or
- (1) (not falling within paragraphs (a) to (k)) directly or indirectly owns or deals in securities of Parthus, DSPG or Ceva and has, in addition to his or her normal interest as a holder of securities, an interest or potential interest, whether commercial, financial or personal, in the outcome of the Scheme.
- 4.8 (a) Save as set out above, neither Parthus nor any:
  - (i) Parthus Director;
  - (ii) subsidiary of Parthus;
  - (iii) pension fund of Parthus or any of its subsidiaries;
  - (iv) bank, stockbroker, financial or other professional advisor (other than exempt market makers and exempt fund managers) to Parthus or any person controlling, controlled by or under the same control as such bank, stockbroker, financial or other professional adviser;
  - (v) person who has an agreement of a kind referred to in Rule 8.7(b) of the Takeover Code with Parthus or with any person who is an associate of Parthus,

owns, controls or is interested in any Parthus Shares nor any securities convertible into, rights to subscribe for or options (including traded options) in respect of, nor any derivatives referenced to, Parthus Shares nor any DSPG Shares or Ceva Shares nor any securities convertible into, rights to subscribe for or options (including traded options) in respect of, nor any derivatives referenced to DSPG Shares or Ceva Shares, nor has any such person dealt for value therein, in the case of Parthus and any Parthus Director, in the disclosure period and, in any other case, between 15 March 2002 and 27 August 2002 (the last practicable date before publication of this document).

- (b) Save as set out above, neither DSPG, or Ceva, nor any DSPG Director or Ceva Director, nor any person acting in concert with DSPG or Ceva, nor any person who has an arrangement of a kind referred to in Rule 8.7(b) of the Takeover Code with DSPG or Ceva or with any person acting in concert with DSPG or Ceva, owns, controls or is interested in any Parthus Shares nor any securities convertible into, rights to subscribe for or options (including traded options) in respect of, nor derivatives referenced to, Parthus Shares nor any DSPG Shares or Ceva Shares nor any securities convertible into, rights to subscribe for or options (including traded options) in respect of, nor derivatives referenced to, DSPG Shares or Ceva Shares nor has any such person dealt for value therein during the disclosure period.
- (c) Other than in respect of the roles of Goldman Sachs International and Morgan Stanley as market makers for DSPG Shares and/or Parthus Shares, neither Parthus nor any associate (as defined in paragraph 4.7 above) of Parthus nor DSPG or Ceva nor any person acting in concert with DSPG or Ceva has any arrangement of the kind referred to in Rule 8.7(b) of the Takeover Code with any person.
- (d) There is no agreement, arrangement or understanding whereby the beneficial ownership of any of the ParthusCeva Shares to be issued pursuant to the Scheme will be transferred to any person.
- (e) Save as disclosed herein, no agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any compensation arrangement) exists between DSPG, Ceva or any person acting in concert with any of them and any of the Parthus Directors, recent directors, shareholders or recent shareholders of Parthus having any connection with or dependence on or which is conditional upon the Combination.
- (f) No Parthus Shares, DSPG Shares or Ceva Shares are managed on a discretionary basis by fund managers connected with Parthus.
- (g) Save as set out above, no Parthus Shares, DSPG Shares nor Ceva Shares have been purchased or redeemed in the disclosure period.
- 4.9 Irrevocable undertakings to vote in favour of the resolutions to be put to the Extraordinary General Meeting and at the relevant Shareholder Court Meetings have been received from the following persons with respect to the number of shares indicated as being held by each of them, plus any Parthus Shares subsequently acquired (upon exercise of share options or otherwise):

	Number of Parthus Shares
Michael Peirce	18,383,645
Brian Long	110,442,422
Kevin Fielding	6,517
Peter McManamon	29,955,938
William McCabe	_
Sven-Christer Nilsson	_
Elaine Coughlan	
Eoin Gilley William McLean	
Gerard Halpenny	400,100
Enterprise Ireland	25,236,861
Kelburn Limited	26,518,309
Joan Scully	280,000

These undertakings shall cease to have effect if:

- the admission of the ParthusCeva Shares to the Official List and admission to trading of the ParthusCeva Shares on the London Stock Exchange and Nasdaq do not become effective on or before 31 December 2002 (or such later date as may be agreed from time to time between DSPG, Ceva and Parthus):
- the Scheme has not been approved by 31 December 2002; or
- the Combination Agreement is terminated.

The persons named above have no interest in Ceva or DSPG securities.

## 5. Directors' service agreements and emoluments

- 5.1 Other than Brian Long and Peter McManamon, each of whom has a three year rolling service contract, there are no service contracts between any Parthus Director and Parthus or any of its subsidiaries having more than 12 months to run, and no such contract has been entered into or amended within the six months prior to the date of this document.
- 5.2 The details of the Parthus Directors' service contracts are as follows:

## Brian Long

Mr. Long's employment commenced on 1 October 1993. The service agreement with Mr. Long is dated 25 October 1996 and his employment can be terminated at any time by Parthus on not less than 3 years' notice to Mr. Long, or by him on not less than 3 months' notice to Parthus. Mr. Long's salary is €97,000 per annum and is entitled to receive a bonus agreed between himself and Parthus. He is also entitled to receive a pension contribution equivalent to 15% of his basic salary and medical insurance cover for himself and his dependants. Mr. Long's service agreement requires him to devote his full time and attention to his duties for Parthus. The agreement includes post-termination restrictions on the use of the Company's confidential information.

#### Peter McManamon

Mr. McManamon's employment commenced on 1 October 1993. The service agreement with Mr. McManamon is dated 25 October 1996 and his employment can be terminated at any time by Parthus on not less than 3 years' notice to Mr. McManamon, or by him on not less than 3 months' notice to Parthus. Mr. McManamon's salary is €97,000 per annum and is entitled to receive a bonus agreed between himself and Parthus. He is also entitled to receive a pension contribution equivalent to 15% of his gross salary and medical insurance cover for himself and his dependants. Mr. McManamon's service agreement requires him to devote his full time and attention to his duties for Parthus. The agreement includes post-termination restrictions on the use of the Company's confidential information.

## Kevin Fielding

Mr. Fielding's employment commenced on 1 June 1998. The service agreement with Mr. Fielding is dated 3 March 1998 and his employment can be terminated at any time by Parthus or by him, in each case on not less than three months' notice. Mr. Fielding's salary is €195,535 per annum and he is entitled to receive a bonus to be agreed between himself and Parthus. He is also entitled to receive a pension contribution equivalent to 10% of his basic salary and medical insurance cover for himself and his dependants. His service agreement requires him to devote his full time and attention to his duties for Parthus. The agreement includes post-termination restrictions on the use of the Company's confidential information.

- 5.3 No amendment to the terms of the above service contracts nor increase in remuneration payable thereunder has taken place within the six months prior to the date of this document. However, new employment agreements for Brian Long and Kevin Fielding will be entered into with ParthusCeva immediately prior to the Effective Time see page xviii of the Listing Particulars for a summary of the terms of these agreements.
- 5.4 Eliyahu Ayalon, a director of Ceva, will enter into a new employment agreement with ParthusCeva immediately prior to the Effective Time. See page 104 of the Listing Particulars for a summary of the terms of this agreement. The other Ceva Directors (who will each be non-executive directors of ParthusCeva) will not be entering into formal agreements with ParthusCeva. However, the arrangements with them will provide for the payment to each of them of US\$20,000 per annum plus US\$500 per board meeting.
- 5.5 Other than as is provided in paragraph 5.4 above, there will be no changes in the emoluments of the Ceva Directors as a result of the Combination or any associated transaction.

## 6. Description of Parthus

Information relating to the nature of the Parthus Group's business is contained under the heading "Business" beginning on page 80 of the Listing Particulars.

#### 7. Financial information relating to Parthus

Financial information for the Parthus Group for the years ended 31 December 1999, 2000 and 2001, together with the results of the Parthus Group for the six months ended 30 June 2002, is contained in pages F-40 to F-71 of the Listing Particulars. Since 30 June 2002 there has been no material change in the financial position of the Parthus Group.

## 8. Description of Ceva

Further information relating to the nature of the Ceva Business is contained under the heading "Business" beginning on page 80 of the Listing Particulars.

## 9. Financial information relating to Ceva

- 9.1 Financial information for Ceva for the years ended 31 December 1999, 2000, 2001 and for the six months ended 30 June 2002, is contained in Sections C and D, respectively of Part I of the Listing Particulars. Since 30 June 2002, there has been no material change in the financial position of DSPG.
- 9.2 Unaudited pro forma consolidated combined financial data of ParthusCeva for year ended 31 December 2001 and six months ended 30 June 2002 is contained in the Listing Particulars, beginning on page 40. This financial data is not intended to be a profit forecast and the profits of ParthusCeva will not necessarily be in line with such data.

#### 10. Material contracts

Information relating to certain material contracts of the Parthus Group and the Ceva Group is contained in paragraph 8 of Part 3 of the Listing Particulars, beginning on page xviii.

## 11. Financing arrangements

Morgan Stanley has confirmed that it is satisfied that the necessary financial resources are available to ParthusCeva to satisfy the payment of cash in respect of fractional entitlements to ParthusCeva Shares under the Scheme. The cash consideration payable under the Scheme will be financed from existing resources.

#### 12. Consents

- 12.1 Each of Goldman Sachs International and Morgan Stanley has given and not withdrawn its written consent to the issue of this document with the inclusion of the references to its name in the form and context in which it appears.
- 12.2 Goldman Sachs International is acting as joint sponsor to ParthusCeva in relation to its application to list the ParthusCeva Shares on the Official List. In addition, Goldman Sachs International is rendering independent advice to Parthus with regard to the Combination under Rule 3 of the Takeover Code. Goldman Sachs International has confirmed to Parthus that the scope of work to be carried out by Goldman Sachs International with regard to its role as joint sponsor of ParthusCeva differs significantly to, and does not, in the opinion of Goldman Sachs International, conflict with, the work performed in providing financial advice to Parthus in connection with the Combination. Goldman Sachs International has confirmed to Parthus that this role does not include the giving by Goldman Sachs International of any financial advice to ParthusCeva nor to DSPG. Given the complexity of the Combination, the Company believes that it is in the best interest of Parthus Shareholders for Goldman Sachs International to act as adviser to Parthus pursuant to Rule 3 of the Takeover Code.

## 13. Time

In this document, references to time are references to Dublin time except unless otherwise expressly provided.

## 14. Exchange Rates

In this document, and for convenience only, all amounts quoted in euro and/or sterling have been converted using the following exchange rates:

€1 = £0.6402

€1 = US\$0.9799

£1 = US\$1.5306

## 15. Documents available for inspection

Copies of the following documents will be available for inspection during normal business hours on Monday to Friday (public holidays excepted) up to and including the Effective Date at the registered office of Parthus, and at the offices of each of L.K. Shields, Solicitors, 39/40 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2, Ireland; Hale and Dorr, 60 State Street, Boston MA 02109, USA; and Brobeck Hale and Dorr, Alder Castle, 10 Noble Street, London EC2V 7QJ:

- (a) all of the documents referred to in paragraph 14 of Part 3 of the Listing Particulars;
- (b) the irrevocable undertakings referred to in paragraph 4.9 above;
- (c) copies of the service contracts referred to in paragraph 5.2 above;
- (d) the consents referred to in paragraph 12 above;
- (e) a copy of the letter from Morgan Stanley to the Ceva Directors dated 2 September 2002, as contained in Part 4 of this document;
- (f) a full list of all those dealings which have been aggregated for the purpose of disclosure in paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5 above;
- (g) a copy of a letter from the Panel dated 5 April 2002; and
- (h) the memorandum and articles of association of the Company.

Dated: 2 September 2002.

## PART 8 DEFINITIONS AND GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS

## **Definitions**

The following definitions apply throughout this document (other than Part 6 (the Scheme of Arrangement) and in the notices of the Parthus Meetings), unless the context otherwise requires:

"£" or "sterling"

pounds sterling and "penny" shall mean one one-hundredth of one

pound sterling

"€" or "euro"

the lawful currency of the European Monetary Union and "euro cent"

or "c" shall mean one one-hundredth of one euro

"1963 Act"

the Companies Act, 1963 of Ireland (as amended)

"1990 Act"

the Companies Act, 1990 of Ireland (as amended)

"Capital Reduction"

the cancellation of all Scheme Shares (with the exception of the Designated Shares) and all amounts standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account, as set out in the Scheme

"Capital Repayment"

the repayment of capital by way of reduction of share premium account in an aggregate amount as equals the euro equivalent (calculated on the basis of the relevant exchange rate as shown by the noon buying rate as quoted on Bloomberg (CRNCY BQ) on the Effective Date) of US\$60 million by Parthus to Parthus Shareholders

"Central Bank"

The Bank of England, the central bank of the United Kingdom

"Ceva"

Ceva, Inc., a Delaware corporation, which will change its name to

ParthusCeva, Inc. prior to the Effective Date

"Ceva Business"

the DSP cores licensing business of DSPG

"Ceva Contribution"

the contribution and assignment by the DSPG Group to the Ceva

Group of the Ceva Business

"Ceva Directors"

the directors of Ceva, whose names appear in paragraph 2.3 of Part 7

of this document

"Ceva Distribution"

the distribution by DSPG of the outstanding common stock of Ceva to

**DSPG** Shareholders

"Ceva Group"

Ceva and its subsidiary undertakings

"Ceva Material Adverse Effect"

a material adverse change, event, circumstance or development with respect to, or material adverse effect, whether relating to DSPG, Ceva or otherwise, on: (i) the business, assets, liabilities, capitalisation, financial condition, or results of operations of Ceva or the Ceva Business; or (ii) the ability of DSPG or Ceva to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Combination Agreement or the Scheme (other than any such change, event, circumstance or development, or effect which results from: (a) changes that are the result of economic factors affecting the national, regional or world economy; (b) changes that are the result of factors generally affecting the specific industry or markets in which the Ceva Business competes; (c) any adverse change, effect or circumstance primarily arising out of or resulting from actions contemplated by the parties to the Combination Agreement in connection with the Combination Agreement or the Scheme or the pendency or announcement of the transactions contemplated by the Combination Agreement or the Scheme; (d) changes that reflect quarterly fluctuations in revenues attributable to the timing of signing of major customer agreements; or (e) changes in law, rule or regulations or generally accepted accounting principles or the interpretation thereof)

"Ceva Shares" the shares of common stock, US\$0.001 par value per share, of Ceva "Ceva Shareholders" holders of Ceva Shares immediately prior to completion of the Combination "Code" the US Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended "Combination" the proposed combination of Parthus and Ceva, as described in this document "Combination Agreement" the combination agreement dated 4 April 2002 by and among Parthus, DSPG and Ceva "Court Hearing" the hearing before the High Court regarding a petition to sanction the Scheme under section 201 of the 1963 Act "Court Meetings" the First Shareholder Court Meeting, the Second Shareholder Court Meeting, the First Optionholder Court Meeting, the Second Optionholder Court Meeting, the Third Optionholder Court Meeting, the Goldman Sachs Court Meeting and/or the Designated Shareholder Court Meeting, as the context requires "CREST" the relevant system (as defined, in relation to Parthus Shares, in the Companies Act, 1990 (Uncertificated Securities) Regulations 1996 (SI No 68 of 1996 of Ireland) or, in relation to ParthusCeva Shares, the Uncertificated Securities Regulations 2001 (SI No. 2001/3755 of the United Kingdom) in respect of which CRESTCo is the Operator (as defined in such regulations), being a paperless settlement system enabling securities to be evidenced otherwise than by certificate and transferred otherwise than by way of a written instrument **CRESTCo Limited** "CRESTCo" the agreement between Parthus, the Depositary and Parthus ADS "Deposit Agreement" holders, containing the terms applicable to the ADSs "Depositary" JPMorgan Chase Bank, 60 Wall Street, New York, NY 10260 "Designated Shareholder Court the meeting of the holders of the Designated Shares convened by the Meeting" direction of the High Court, pursuant to section 201 of the 1963 Act, including any adjournment thereof "Designated Shares" the seven Parthus Shares held in the names of Gerard Halpenny, Justin McKenna, Daireann Gibson, Niamh McKeon, Jennifer McGuire, Maple Nominees Limited and Maple Secretaries Limited subject to an undertaking to transfer those shares to ParthusCeva forthwith after the Effective Time "DSPG" DSP Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation "DSPG Directors" the directors of DSPG whose names appear in paragraph 2.2 of Part 7 of this document "DSPG Group" DSPG and its subsidiary undertakings "DSPG Shares" the shares of common stock, US\$0.001 par value per share, of DSPG "Effective Date" the date of the registration by the Companies Registration Office, Dublin of the Final Court Order(s) and the minute approved by the High Court confirming the Capital Reduction "Effective Time" means the time on the Effective Date at which the Scheme becomes effective "Extraordinary General Meeting" or the extraordinary general meeting of Parthus convened by the notice set "EGM" out on pages 62 to 71 of this document, including any adjournment thereof "Final Court Order(s)" the order(s) of the High Court sanctioning (i) the Scheme; and (ii) the

Capital Reduction, under sections 201 and 72 of the 1963 Act

"First Optionholder Court Meeting" the meeting of Parthus Optionholders whose options may be repriced in connection with the Combination, convened by the direction of the High Court, pursuant to section 201 of the 1963 Act, including any adjournment thereof "First Shareholder Court Meeting" the meeting of all Parthus Shareholders convened by the direction of the High Court, pursuant to section 201 of the 1963 Act, including any adjournment thereof "Form S-1" the registration statement on Form S-1 registering the ParthusCeva Shares under the US Securities Exchange Act of 1934 "Goldman Sachs Court Meeting" the meeting of Parthus Shareholders who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group convened by the direction of the High Court, pursuant to section 201 of the 1963 Act, including any adjournment thereof "Goldman Sachs Group" The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc., the ultimate holding company (as such term is defined in the 1963 Act) of Goldman Sachs International and any affiliate of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. "Governmental Entity" any court, commission, governmental body, regulatory authority, agency or tribunal wherever located "Hearing Date" the date on which the Final Court Orders are made "High Court" the High Court of Ireland "Ireland" the Republic of Ireland and "Irish" shall be construed accordingly "Irish Control Act" the Irish Mergers and Takeovers (Control) Acts, 1978 to 1996 or any statutory provision supplementing, amending or replacing the same "TRS" the US Internal Revenue Service "Listing Particulars" the document dated 13 August 2002 comprising listing particulars relating to Ceva "LSE" or "London Stock Exchange" London Stock Exchange plc "Morgan Stanley" Morgan Stanley & Co. Limited "Nasdaq" The Nasdaq National Market, Inc. "Official List" the official list of the UK Listing Authority "Optionholder Court Meetings" the First Optionholder Court Meeting, the Second Optionholder Court Meeting and the Third Optionholder Court Meeting "Ordinary Share Allotment Ratio" the fraction, expressed as a decimal with six decimal places, calculated as of the Scheme Record Time, rounded down to the sixth

calculated as of the Scheme Record Time, rounded down to the sixth decimal place, the numerator of which equals that number of shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock that, if issued, would constitute 49.9% of the issued and outstanding shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock as of the Effective Time including such shares, rounded down to the nearest whole share; and the denominator of which is the number of Scheme Shares plus an additional 85,891 Company Ordinary Shares

"Panel" the Irish Takeover Panel

"Parthus" or the "Company" Parthus Technologies plc

"Parthus ADRs" American Depositary Receipts evidencing Parthus ADSs

"Parthus ADS holders" holders of Parthus ADSs

"Parthus ADSs" American Depositary Shares, each representing 10 Parthus Shares and

evidenced by Parthus ADRs

"ParthusCeva" Ceva, following its name change to ParthusCeva, Inc. which will take place prior to the Effective Date "ParthusCeva Shares" the shares of common stock, US\$0.001 par value per share, of ParthusCeva "Parthus Directors" the directors of Parthus whose names appear in paragraph 2.1 of Part 7 of this document "Parthus Group" Parthus and its subsidiary undertakings "Parthus Material Adverse Effect" a material adverse change, event, circumstance or development with respect to, or material adverse effect on: (i) the business, assets, liabilities, capitalisation, financial condition, or results of operations of Parthus and the subsidiaries of Parthus, taken as a whole; or (ii) the ability of Parthus to consummate the transactions contemplated by the Combination Agreement or the Scheme (other than any such change, event, circumstance or development or effect which results from: (a) changes that are the result of economic factors affecting the national, regional or world economy; (b) changes that are the result of factors generally affecting the specific industry or markets in which Parthus competes; (c) any adverse change, effect or circumstance primarily arising out of or resulting from actions contemplated by the parties in connection with the Combination Agreement or the Scheme or the pendency or announcement of the transactions contemplated by the Combination Agreement or the Scheme; (d) the continued incurrence of losses by Parthus in the ordinary course of its business materially consistent with previous periods; or (e) changes in law, rule or regulations or generally accepted accounting principles or the interpretation thereof) the Court Meetings and the Extraordinary General Meeting "Parthus Meetings" "Parthus Options" options over Parthus Shares and/or Parthus ADSs granted pursuant to the Parthus Share Schemes "Parthus Optionholders" the holders of Parthus Options "Parthus Share Schemes" the Parthus 2000 Share Option Plan and the Parthus-Chicory Systems, Inc. 1999 Employee Stock Option/Stock Issuance Plan, as amended holders of Parthus Shares (excluding, where reference is made to "Parthus Shareholders" Parthus Shareholders in the context of the Second Shareholder Court Meeting, such holders who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group and the holders of Designated Shares) "Parthus Shares" ordinary shares of 0.03c each in the capital of the Company "Scheme" or "Scheme of the proposed scheme of arrangement under section 201 of the 1963 Act between Parthus, Parthus Shareholders and Parthus Optionholders, as Arrangement" set out in Part 6 of this document, or with any modification, addition or condition approved or imposed by the High Court "Scheme Record Time" 10.00 p.m. on the business day immediately preceding the Effective Date or such other time or date agreed between the Company and Ceva and, if so required, approved by the High Court "Scheme Shares" the Parthus Shares in issue at the date of this document; and (ii) any Parthus Shares issued after the date of this document and prior to the commencement of the Court Meeting or issued after

the commencement of the Court Meeting and prior to the Scheme Record Time, in each case on terms that the original or any

subsequent holder thereof shall be bound by the Scheme

"SEC" the US Securities and Exchange Commission "Second Optionholder Court the meeting of Parthus Optionholders whose Options are not to be Meeting" repriced in connection with the Combination, convened by the direction of the High Court, pursuant to section 201 of the 1963 Act, including any adjournment thereof "Second Shareholder Court Meeting" the meeting of Parthus Shareholders (other than those who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group or are holders of the Designated Shares) convened by direction of the High Court, pursuant to section 201 of the 1963 Act, including any adjournment thereof "Securities Act" the US Securities Act of 1933 "Shareholder Court Meetings" the First Shareholder Court Meeting, the Second Shareholder Court Meeting, the Goldman Sachs Court Meeting and the Designated Shareholder Court Meeting "Spin-off" the contribution of the Ceva Business to the Ceva Group by the DSPG Group and the distribution by DSPG of all outstanding shares of Ceva to the DSPG Shareholders "subsidiary undertaking" a subsidiary undertaking as that term is defined for the purpose of Regulation 4(1) of the European Communities (Companies: Group Accounts) Regulations, 1992 of Ireland "Supplemental Tax Ruling" a ruling from the IRS to the effect that the repricing of Parthus Options does not adversely affect the Tax Ruling "Takeover Code" the Irish Takeover Panel Act, 1997, the Irish Takeover Panel Act, 1997, Takeover Rules 2001, and the Irish Takeover Panel Act, 1997, Substantial Acquisition Rules, 2001, or any rules or directions made by the Irish Takeover Panel thereunder "Tax Ruling" the ruling from the IRS dated 11 July 2002 to the effect that (i) the Ceva Contribution qualifies as a reorganisation within the meaning of Section 368 of the Code; (ii) the Ceva Distribution and the Internal Distribution (as defined in the IRS Ruling Letter issued to DSPG dated 26 September 2001) comply with the requirements of Section 355 of the Code and (iii) other transactions and events as to which DSPG has requested rulings will not cause Section 355 of the Code to apply to the Ceva Distribution and the Internal Distribution "Third Optionholder Court Meeting" the meeting of all Parthus Optionholders, convened by the direction of the High Court, pursuant to section 201 of the 1963 Act, including any adjournment thereof "UK Listing Authority" the Financial Services Authority acting in its capacity as the competent authority for listing in the United Kingdom under Part VI of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 "United Kingdom" or "UK" the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland "United States" or "US" the United States of America and its territories and possessions and any other areas subject to its jurisdiction

one US dollar

United States dollars and "US cent" shall mean one one-hundredth of

"US\$" or "US dollars"

## Glossary of technical terms

"2.5G" a mid-way technology between second-generation mobile communications (such as GSM) and 3G "3G" third-generation of mobile communications technology "802.11" the family of specifications developed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers for wireless local area network ("W-LAN") technology, which specifies an over-the-air interface between a wireless client and a base station or between two wireless clients "Bluetooth" a technology specification for a low cost, short range link between mobile phones, lap top computers and other portable devices a block of intellectual property that is used in the design and "core" production of an integrated circuit; especially, a reusable block of such IP that can easily be inserted into a larger design "DSP" digital signal processing; a variety of techniques specialised computer circuits use to perform rapid and complex operations on digital information, especially the processing audio and video signals the most basic logic element; a collection of (on average) three "gate" transistors "GPRS" General Packet Radio Service, a standard for wireless communications by which runs at speeds of up to 115 kilobits per second "GPS" Global Positioning System; a system of satellites for identifying earth locations - by triangulation of signals from three of the satellites, a receiving unit can pinpoint its current location anywhere on earth to within a few metres Global Systems for Mobile Communication, the standard for wireless "GSM" communication which runs at speeds of up to 9.6 kilobits per second a single semiconductor chip on which thousands or millions of "integrated circuit" transistors are combined "TP" intellectual property "MP3" MPEG Audio Layer 3; an audio compression technology. MP3 uses perceptual audio coding to compress CD-quality sound by a factor of 12, while providing almost the same fidelity original equipment manufacturer; a manufacturer that sells equipment "OEM" to a reseller for re-branding or re-packaging "PDA" personal digital assistant "RISC" reduced instruction set computing; a type of process or architecture that processes programs more simply than complex instruction set computing ("CISC") microprocessors because it uses smaller, less complex sets of instructions generic name for devices such as transistors and integrated circuits "semiconductor" that can control the flow of electrical signals the basic building block of modern semiconductor microelectronics; a "transistor" transistor regulates current flow or voltage and acts as a switch or gate for electronic signals "VoIP" Voice-over Internet Protocol; a technology for the transmission of voice over the Internet "W-CDMA" Wideband Code Division Multiple Access; the proposed European

standard for 3G mobile networks

## PARTHUS TECHNOLOGIES PLC

#### NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that an extraordinary general meeting of Parthus Technologies plc (the "Company") will be held at Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland on 26 September 2002 at 10.00 a.m. for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions, which will be proposed in the case of resolutions 1 and 3 as ordinary resolutions and in the case of resolution 2 as a special resolution:

#### RESOLUTIONS

**THAT**, subject to the passing of the resolutions at the court convened meetings of the shareholders and optionholders of the Company to be held on today's date after the extraordinary general meeting convened by this notice shall have concluded or been adjourned:

## 1. Ordinary Resolution

The Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be entered into between the Company, the holders of ordinary shares of 0.03c and the holders of options (a print of which has been produced to this meeting and for the purpose of identification has been signed by the chairman of this meeting) be hereby approved in the form produced to the meeting or with or subject to any modifications, additions or conditions approved or imposed by the High Court (the "Scheme") and the directors of the Company be and are hereby authorised to take all such steps as they consider necessary or desirable to implement the Scheme.

## 2. Special Resolution

Subject to the passing of resolutions numbered 1 and 3 in the notice of this meeting:

- (i) For the purpose of giving effect to the Scheme:
  - (a) subject to the confirmation of the High Court, the capital of the Company be and is hereby reduced by the cancellation of such part of the amount standing to the credit of the Company's share premium account as is equal to the euro equivalent (calculated on the basis of the relevant exchange rate shown by the noon buying rate as quoted on Bloomberg (CRNCY BQ) on the Effective Date) of US\$60 million (the "Capital Repayment"), being capital which is in excess of the wants of the Company;
  - (b) subject to the confirmation of the High Court, the capital of the Company be reduced by cancelling and extinguishing (i) all the Scheme Shares with the exception of the Designated Shares (as defined in the Scheme) and (ii) all amounts currently standing to the credit of the share premium account, (as reduced by virtue of the Capital Repayment), capital redemption reserve fund and capital conversion reserve fund of the Company; and
  - (c) for the purposes of Section 24(1) of the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1983, the directors of the Company be and are hereby empowered to allot equity securities for cash, provided that (i) this power shall be limited to the allotment of the new ordinary shares referred to in paragraph (ii)(a) of resolution number 3 below, and (ii) that this power shall expire on 31 December 2002 and (iii) this power shall be without prejudice to any other authority under the said Section 24 previously granted before the date on which this resolution is passed.
- (ii) subject to the Scheme becoming effective the articles of association of the Company be hereby amended by the adoption and inclusion of the following new article 3A:
  - "Shares not subject to Scheme of Arrangement
  - (a) In this article, references to the "Scheme" are to the Scheme of Arrangement between the Company and the holders of Company Ordinary Shares and the holders of Company Share Options (as each is defined in the Scheme) under section 201 of the Companies Act, 1963 approved by the members and optionholders of the Company on 6 September 2002 and terms defined in the Scheme shall have the same meanings in this article.

- (b) If any Ordinary Shares, other than Scheme Shares, are allotted or issued to any person (a "new member") (other than to ParthusCeva or any subsidiary undertaking of ParthusCeva or anyone acting on behalf of ParthusCeva or any subsidiary undertaking of ParthusCeva) at or after 10:00 p.m. on the business day immediately prior to the Effective Date they will, provided that the Scheme has become effective, be immediately transferred to ParthusCeva in consideration of, and conditional on, the issue to the new member in accordance with the Ordinary Share Allotment Ratio, being ParthusCeva Common Stock which ranks pari passu with all other ParthusCeva Common Stock for the time being in issue and ranking for any dividends or distributions made, paid or declared thereon following the date on which the transfer of the shares in the Company is executed.
- (c) The number of shares of ParthusCeva Common Stock to be issued to the new member under this article 3A may be adjusted by the Directors in such manner as the Company's Auditors may determine, on any reorganisation of the share capital of the Company or of ParthusCeva.
- (d) To give effect to any such transfer required by this article 3A, the Company may appoint any person to execute a form of transfer on behalf of the new member in favour of ParthusCeva and to agree for and on behalf of the new member to become a stockholder of ParthusCeva. Pending the registration of ParthusCeva as the holder of any share to be transferred pursuant to this article 3A, ParthusCeva shall be empowered to appoint a person nominated by the Directors to act as attorney on behalf of each holder of the share in accordance with such directions as ParthusCeva may give in relation to any dealings with or disposal of such share (or any interest therein), exercising any rights attached thereto or receiving any distribution or other benefit accruing or payable in respect thereof and the registered holders of such share shall exercise all rights attaching thereto in accordance with the directions of ParthusCeva but not otherwise."

## 3. Ordinary Resolution

For the purpose of giving effect to the Scheme and subject to the passing of resolution number 1 in the notice of this meeting and subject to and contingent upon the reduction of capital referred to in paragraph (i)(b) of resolution number 2 above taking effect:

- (i) the directors of the Company be hereby authorised pursuant to and in accordance with section 20 of the Companies (Amendment) Act, 1983 to give effect to this resolution and accordingly to effect the allotment of the new ordinary shares referred to in paragraph (ii)(a) below provided that (i) this authority shall expire on 31 December 2002, (ii) the maximum aggregate nominal amount of shares which may be allotted hereunder shall be €174,000 and (iii) this authority shall be without prejudice to any other authority under the said section 20 previously granted before the date on which this resolution is passed; and
- (ii) (a) the authorised share capital of the Company be increased by €174,000 by the creation of 580,000,000 new ordinary shares of 0.03c each; and
  - (b) €174,000 of the credit arising in the books of account of the Company as a result of the cancellation of the Scheme Shares and all amounts currently standing to the credit of the share premium account, capital redemption reserve fund and capital conversion reserve fund of the Company be applied in paying up in full at par 580,000,000 new ordinary shares of 0.03c each, such new ordinary shares to be allotted and issued credited as fully paid to Ceva, Inc. and/or its nominee.

#### BY ORDER of the Board

Peter McManamon Secretary 32-34 Harcourt Street Dublin 2, Ireland

Dated: 2 September 2002

#### Notes:

(a) Any shareholder of the Company entitled to attend and vote may appoint another person (whether a member or not) as his/her proxy to attend, speak and vote on his/her behalf. For this purpose a white form of proxy is enclosed with this Notice. A shareholder entitled to attend and vote is entitled to appoint a proxy or

- proxies to attend and vote instead of that shareholder. A proxy need not be a shareholder of the Company. Lodgement of the form of proxy will not prevent the shareholder from attending and voting at the meeting.
- (b) Only shareholders, proxies and authorised representatives of corporations which are shareholders are entitled to attend the meeting.
- (c) To be valid, the form of proxy and, if relevant, the power of attorney under which it is signed, or a certified copy of that power of attorney, must be received by Capita Corporate Registrars Plc, Unit 5, Manor Street Business Park, Manor Street, Dublin 7, Ireland not later than 48 hours before the time appointed for the meeting. Please return the form of proxy by posting the actual form of proxy itself, the postage on which is pre-paid.
- (d) Only holders of ordinary shares on the register at 10:00 p.m. on the day prior to the day immediately before the meeting or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be) shall be entitled to attend and/or vote at the meeting. They shall be entitled to vote in respect of the number of ordinary shares registered in their names at the above time and any subsequent changes to the register shall be disregarded in determining rights to attend and vote.
- (e) In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior holder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holder(s) and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the relevant joint holding.

## IN THE MATTER OF PARTHUS TECHNOLOGIES PLC

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## IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1963 to 2001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by an order dated 28 August 2002 made in the above matters, the High Court directed a meeting to be convened of the holders of Company Ordinary Shares (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a scheme of arrangement proposed to be made between Parthus Technologies Public Limited Company (the "Company"), the holders of Company Ordinary Shares and the holders of Company Share Options (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) and that such meeting will be held at Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland on 26 September 2002 at 10:10 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as the extraordinary general meeting of the Company convened for 10:00 a.m. on the same day and at the same place, shall have concluded or been adjourned) at which place and time all holders of Company Ordinary Shares are requested to attend.

A copy of the said scheme of arrangement and a copy of the statement required to be furnished pursuant to section 202 of the Companies Act, 1963 are incorporated in the document of which this notice forms part.

Shareholders of the Company may vote in person at the meeting or they may appoint another person as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A blue form of proxy for use at the meeting is enclosed with this notice.

In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior holder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holder(s) and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the relevant joint holding.

It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with Capita Corporate Registrars Plc, Unit 5, Manor Street Business Park, Manor Street, Dublin 7, Ireland, not less than 48 hours before the start of the meeting but, if forms are not so lodged, they may be handed to the chairman before the start of the meeting.

Entitlement to attend and vote at the meeting and the number of votes which may be cast thereat will be determined by reference to the register of members of the Company at 10:00 p.m. on the day prior to the day immediately before the meeting or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be).

By the said order, the Court has appointed Michael Peirce or, failing him, Brian Long or, failing him, Kevin Fielding, to act as chairman of the meeting and has directed the chairman to report the result of the meeting to the High Court.

The said scheme of arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the High Court.

Dated: 2 September 2002

Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland

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## IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1963 to 2001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by an order dated 28 August 2002 made in the above matters, the High Court directed a meeting to be convened of the holders of Company Ordinary Shares (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) except holders who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group (as defined in the circular to which this notice forms part) or holders of Designated Shares (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a scheme of arrangement proposed to be made between Parthus Technologies Public Limited Company (the "Company"), the holders of Company Ordinary Shares and the holders of Company Share Options (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) and that such meeting will be held at Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland on 26 September 2002 at 10:20 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as the High Court directed meeting of holders of Company Ordinary Shares convened for 10:10 a.m. on the same day and at the same place, shall have concluded or been adjourned) at which place and time all holders of Company Ordinary Shares (except holders who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group or holders of Designated Shares are requested to attend.

A copy of the said scheme of arrangement and a copy of the statement required to be furnished pursuant to section 202 of the Companies Act, 1963 are incorporated in the document of which this notice forms part.

Shareholders of the Company (except holders who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group or holders of Designated Shares) may vote in person at the meeting or they may appoint another person as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Company. A green form of proxy for use at the meeting is enclosed with this notice.

In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior holder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holder(s) and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the relevant joint holding.

It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with Capita Corporate Registrars Plc, Unit 5, Manor Street Business Park, Manor Street, Dublin 7, Ireland, not less than 48 hours before the start of the meeting but, if forms are not so lodged, they may be handed to the chairman before the start of the meeting.

Entitlement to attend and vote at the meeting and the number of votes which may be cast thereat will be determined by reference to the register of members of the Company at 10:00 p.m. on the day prior to the day immediately before the meeting or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be).

By the said order, the Court has appointed Michael Peirce or, failing him, Brian Long or, failing him, Kevin Fielding, to act as chairman of the meeting and has directed the chairman to report the result of the meeting to the High Court.

The said scheme of arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the High Court.

Dated: 2 September 2002

Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland

# IN THE MATTER OF PARTHUS TECHNOLOGIES PLC

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## IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1963 to 2001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by an order dated 28 August 2002 made in the above matters, the High Court directed a meeting to be convened of the holders of the Company Share Options (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below), who hold options that may be repriced in connection with the Combination (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below), for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a scheme of arrangement proposed to be made between Parthus Technologies Public Limited Company (the "Company") and the holders of Company Ordinary Shares (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) and the holders of Company Share Options and that such meeting will be held at Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland on 26 September 2002 at 10:30 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as the High Court directed meeting of certain holders of Company Ordinary Shares convened for 10:20 a.m. on the same day and at the same place, shall have concluded or been adjourned) at which place and time all holders of Company Share Options, who hold options that may be repriced in connection with the Combination, are requested to attend.

A copy of the said scheme of arrangement and a copy of the statement required to be furnished pursuant to section 202 of the Companies Act, 1963 are incorporated in the document of which this notice forms part.

Holders of Company Share Options who hold options that may be repriced in connection with the Combination may vote in person at the meeting or they may appoint another person as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead. A proxy need not be a holder of Company Share Options. A yellow form of proxy for use at the meeting is enclosed with this notice.

It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with Capita Corporate Registrars Plc, Unit 5, Manor Street Business Park, Manor Street, Dublin 7, Ireland, not less than 48 hours before the start of the meeting but, if forms are not so lodged, they may be handed to the chairman before the start of the meeting.

Entitlement to attend and vote at the meeting and the number of votes which may be cast thereat will be determined by reference to the register of optionholders of the Company at 10:00 p.m. on the day prior to the day immediately before the meeting or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be) and to whether the options held by a holder of Company Share Options are to be repriced in connection with the Combination.

By the said order, the Court has appointed Michael Peirce or, failing him, Brian Long or, failing him, Kevin Fielding, to act as chairman of the meeting and has directed the chairman to report the result of the meeting to the High Court.

The said scheme of arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the High Court.

Dated: 2 September 2002

Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland

# IN THE MATTER OF PARTHUS TECHNOLOGIES PLC

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## IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1963 to 2001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by an order dated 28 August 2002 made in the above matters, the High Court directed a meeting to be convened of the holders of the Company Share Options (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) who hold options that are not to be repriced in connection with the Combination (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a scheme of arrangement proposed to be made between Parthus Technologies Public Limited Company (the "Company") and the holders of Company Ordinary Shares (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) and the holders of Company Share Options and that such meeting will be held at Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland on 26 September 2002 at 10:40 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as the High Court directed meeting of certain holders of Company Share Options convened for 10:30 a.m. on the same day and at the same place, shall have concluded or been adjourned) at which place and time all holders of Company Share Options who hold options that are not to be repriced in connection with the Combination, are requested to attend.

A copy of the said scheme of arrangement and a copy of the statement required to be furnished pursuant to section 202 of the Companies Act, 1963 are incorporated in the document of which this notice forms part.

Holders of Company Share Options who hold options that are not to be repriced in connection with the Combination may vote in person at the meeting or they may appoint another person as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead. A proxy need not be a holder of Company Share Options. An orange form of proxy for use at the meeting is enclosed with this notice.

It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with Capita Corporate Registrars Plc, Unit 5, Manor Street Business Park, Manor Street, Dublin 7, Ireland, not less than 48 hours before the start of the meeting but, if forms are not so lodged, they may be handed to the chairman before the start of the meeting.

Entitlement to attend and vote at the meeting and the number of votes which may be cast thereat will be determined by reference to the register of optionholders of the Company at 10:00 p.m. on the day prior to the day immediately before the meeting or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be) and to whether the options held by a holder of Company Share Options are not to be repriced in connection with the Combination.

By the said order, the Court has appointed Michael Peirce or, failing him, Brian Long or, failing him, Kevin Fielding, to act as chairman of the meeting and has directed the chairman to report the result of the meeting to the High Court.

The said scheme of arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the High Court.

Dated: 2 September 2002

Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland

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#### IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1963 to 2001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by an order dated 28 August 2002 made in the above matters, the High Court directed a meeting to be convened of the holders of the Company Share Options (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a scheme of arrangement proposed to be made between Parthus Technologies Public Limited Company (the "Company") and the holders of Company Ordinary Shares (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) and the holders of Company Share Options and that such meeting will be held at Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland on 26 September 2002 at 10:50 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as the High Court directed meeting of certain holders of Company Share Options convened for 10:40 a.m. on the same day and at the same place, shall have concluded or been adjourned) at which place and time all holders of Company Share Options are requested to attend.

A copy of the said scheme of arrangement and a copy of the statement required to be furnished pursuant to section 202 of the Companies Act, 1963 are incorporated in the document of which this notice forms part.

Holders of Company Share Options may vote in person at the meeting or they may appoint another person as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead. A proxy need not be a holder of Company Share Options. A purple form of proxy for use at the meeting is enclosed with this notice.

It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with Capita Corporate Registrars Plc, Unit 5, Manor Street Business Park, Manor Street, Dublin 7, Ireland, not less than 48 hours before the start of the meeting but, if forms are not so lodged, they may be handed to the chairman before the start of the meeting.

Entitlement to attend and vote at the meeting and the number of votes which may be cast thereat will be determined by reference to the register of optionholders of the Company at 10:00 p.m. on the day prior to the day immediately before the meeting or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be).

By the said order, the Court has appointed Michael Peirce or, failing him, Brian Long or, failing him, Kevin Fielding, to act as chairman of the meeting and has directed the chairman to report the result of the meeting to the High Court.

The said scheme of arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the High Court.

Dated: 2 September 2002

Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland L.K. SHIELDS, Solicitors, 39/40 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2, Ireland

# IN THE MATTER OF PARTHUS TECHNOLOGIES PLC

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#### IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1963 to 2001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by an order dated 28 August 2002 made in the above matters, the High Court directed a meeting to be convened of the holders of Company Ordinary Shares (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group (as defined in the circular to which this notice forms part) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a scheme of arrangement proposed to be made between Parthus Technologies Public Limited Company (the "Company") and the holders of Company Ordinary Shares and the holders of Company Share Options (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) and that such meeting will be held at Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland on 26 September 2002 at 11:00 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as the meeting of certain holders of Company Share Options convened for 10:50 a.m. on the same day and at the same place, shall have concluded or been adjourned) at which place and time all holders of Company Ordinary Shares who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group are requested to attend.

A copy of the said scheme of arrangement and a copy of the statement required to be furnished pursuant to section 202 of the Companies Act, 1963 are incorporated in the document of which this notice forms part.

Shareholders of the Company who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group may vote in person at the meeting or they may appoint another person as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead. A proxy need not be a member of the Goldman Sachs Group or a member of the Company. A pink form of proxy for use at the meeting is enclosed with this notice.

In the case of joint holders, the vote of the senior holder who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holder(s) and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the register of members of the Company in respect of the relevant joint holding.

It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with Capita Corporate Registrars Plc, Unit 5, Manor Street Business Park, Manor Street, Dublin 7, Ireland, not less than 48 hours before the start of the meeting but, if forms are not so lodged, they may be handed to the chairman before the start of the meeting.

Entitlement to attend and vote at the meeting and the number of votes which may be cast thereat will be determined by reference to the register of members of the Company at 10:00 p.m. on the day prior to the day immediately before the meeting or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be).

By the said order, the Court has appointed Michael Peirce or, failing him, Brian Long or, failing him, Kevin Fielding, to act as chairman of the meeting and has directed the chairman to report the result of the meeting to the High Court.

The said scheme of arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the High Court.

Dated: 2 September 2002

Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland L.K. SHIELDS, Solicitors, 39/40 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2, Ireland

# IN THE MATTER OF PARTHUS TECHNOLOGIES PLC

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#### IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACTS, 1963 to 2001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by an order dated 28 August 2002 made in the above matters, the High Court directed a meeting to be convened of the holders of Designated Shares (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a scheme of arrangement proposed to be made between Parthus Technologies Public Limited Company (the "Company") and the holders of Company Ordinary Shares (as defined in the Scheme of arrangement referred to below) and the holders of Company Share Options (as defined in the scheme of arrangement referred to below) and that such meeting will be held at Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland on 26 September 2002 at 11:10 a.m. (or as soon thereafter as the High Court directed meeting of the holders of Company Ordinary Shares who are members of the Goldman Sachs Group (as defined in the circular to which this notice forms part) convened for 11:00 a.m. on the same day and at the same place, shall have concluded or been adjourned) at which place and time all holders of Designated Shares are requested to attend.

A copy of the said scheme of arrangement and a copy of the statement required to be furnished pursuant to section 202 of the Companies Act, 1963 are incorporated in the document of which this notice forms part.

Holders of Designated Shares may vote in person at the meeting or they may appoint another person as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead. A proxy need not be a holder of Designated Shares or a member of the Company. A red form of proxy for use at the meeting is enclosed with this notice.

It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with Capita Corporate Registrars Plc, Unit 5, Manor Street Business Park, Manor Street, Dublin 7, Ireland, not less than 48 hours before the start of the meeting but, if forms are not so lodged, they may be handed to the chairman before the start of the meeting.

Entitlement to attend and vote at the meeting and the number of votes which may be cast thereat will be determined by reference to the register of members of the Company at 10:00 p.m. on the day prior to the day immediately before the meeting or any adjourned meeting (as the case may be).

By the said order, the Court has appointed Michael Peirce or, failing him, Brian Long or, failing him, Kevin Fielding, to act as chairman of the meeting and has directed the chairman to report the result of the meeting to the High Court.

The said scheme of arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the High Court.

Dated: 2 September 2002

Parthus Technologies plc, 32-34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland L.K. SHIELDS, Solicitors, 39/40 Upper Mount Street, Dublin 2, Ireland

# THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION





Proposed combination of

## Parthus Technologies plc

and

Ceva, Inc.

THIS DOCUMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. If you are in any doubt as to the action you should take, you are recommended to seek your own financial advice immediately from your stockbroker, bank manager, solicitor, accountant or other independent financial adviser who, if you are taking advice in Ireland, is authorised or exempted under the Investment Intermediaries Act, 1995, or, if you are in the United Kingdom, is authorised under the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 ("FSMA"), or from another appropriately authorised independent financial adviser.

If you have sold or otherwise transferred all of your Parthus Shares or Parthus ADSs, please send this document and the accompanying documents at once to the purchaser or transferee, or to the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected, for transmission to the purchaser or transferee. If you have sold or otherwise transferred some of your Parthus Shares or Parthus ADSs, you should immediately consult the stockbroker, bank or other agent through whom the sale or transfer was effected.

This document comprises listing particulars relating to ParthusCeva, Inc. ("ParthusCeva" or the "Company") in accordance with the listing rules of the UK Listing Authority made under section 74 of FSMA ("Listing Rules"). Included as Section II of this document is a modified version of a prospectus which forms part of a registration statement on Form S-1 under the US Securities Act ("Prospectus"). The Prospectus has been modified so as to comply with the Listing Rules. The Prospectus (in its unmodified form) is being prepared in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with the Separation and the Combination and will be sent immediately following completion of the Combination to stockholders of ParthusCeva (other than those stockholders who were Parthus Shareholders or Parthus ADS holders immediately prior to completion of the Combination).

This document has been delivered to the Registrar of Companies in England and Wales for registration in accordance with Section 83 of FSMA.

The Directors and the Proposed Directors, whose names appear on page ii of this document, accept responsibility for the information contained in this document other than, in the case of the Directors, that relating to the Parthus Group, the Parthus Directors, their immediate families, related trusts and persons connected with them. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Directors and the Proposed Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this document for which they accept responsibility is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Parthus and the Parthus Directors accept responsibility for the information contained in this document relating to the Parthus Group, the Parthus Directors, their immediate families, related trusts and persons connected with them. To the best of the knowledge and belief of Parthus and the Parthus Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this document for which they accept responsibility is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

Application has been made to the UK Listing Authority for the shares of common stock of ParthusCeva (the "ParthusCeva Shares") in issue immediately following the Combination to be admitted to the Official List and to the London Stock Exchange for the ParthusCeva Shares to be admitted to trading on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities. Subject, among other things, to Parthus Shareholder approval of the Scheme, sanction of the Scheme by the High Court and completion of the Combination, it is expected that admission of the ParthusCeva Shares to the Official List will become effective and that dealings in the ParthusCeva Shares will commence at 2:30 p.m. (Dublin time) on the Effective Date. Application has also been made for the ParthusCeva Shares to be quoted on the Nasdaq National Market, and subject to fulfilling the listing requirements of the Nasdaq National Market, dealings in the ParthusCeva Shares are expected to commence at 2.30 p.m. (Dublin time) on the Effective Date.

This document has been prepared in connection with the Combination and, unless the context otherwise requires, assumes the Scheme, the Capital Repayment and the Combination have become effective and the transactions relating to the Combination, the Scheme and the Capital Repayment have been completed. Accordingly, many of the events detailed in this document will not yet have occurred and may not occur. The Company will give notification of any significant change affecting any matter contained in this document or of any significant new matter arising after the date of this document which is relevant to the information contained in this document. A detailed description of the Combination, the Scheme and the Capital Repayment and certain related transactions is set out on pages 35 to 38 of this document.



### Ceva, Inc.

(to be renamed ParthusCeva, Inc.)
(Incorporated in Delaware, United States)

#### LISTING PARTICULARS

## Introduction of ParthusCeva Shares to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange in connection with the proposed combination of Ceva, Inc. and Parthus Technologies plc

Authorised		Share capital following Admission	Issued and fully paid*	
Number	Par Value		Number	Par Value
105,000,000	US\$105,000	Common Stock of US\$0.001 each	20,303,465	US\$20,303
5,000,000	N/A	Preferred Stock (Un-designated)	Nil	N/A

<sup>\*</sup> This assumes exercise, between the date of this document and Admission, of all Parthus Options and options over the shares of Ceva common stock

This document does not constitute an offer to sell or an invitation to any person to subscribe for, or purchase, any securities in ParthusCeva or in any other entity. The distribution of this document and any of the accompanying documents in jurisdictions other than the United Kingdom, Ireland or the United States may be restricted by law and therefore persons into whose possession this document or any of the accompanying documents comes should inform themselves about and observe any such restriction. Any failure to comply with these restrictions may constitute a violation of the securities law of any such jurisdiction.

For a discussion of certain factors that should be considered in connection with the ParthusCeva Shares, see "Risk Factors" set out on pages 7 to 25 of this document.

Morgan Stanley is acting for DSPG Group, Inc. and Ceva, Inc. and no one else in connection with the Combination and the Scheme and will not be responsible to anyone other than DSPG Group, Inc. and Ceva, Inc. for providing the protections offered to clients of Morgan Stanley, nor for providing advice in relation to the Combination and the Scheme.

Goldman Sachs is acting for Parthus Technologies plc and no one else in connection with the Combination, the Scheme and the Capital Repayment and will not be responsible to anyone other than Parthus for providing the protections offered to clients of Goldman Sachs, nor for providing advice in relation to the Combination, the Scheme and the Capital Repayment.

Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley are acting for ParthusCeva and no one else in connection with the application for the ParthusCeva Shares to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange and will not be responsible to anyone other than ParthusCeva for providing the protections offered to their clients, nor for providing advice in relation to the application for the ParthusCeva Shares to be admitted to the Official List and to trading on the London Stock Exchange.

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#### SECTION I — ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### DIRECTORS, PROPOSED DIRECTORS, COMPANY SECRETARY, PRINCIPAL OFFICE, REGISTERED OFFICE AND ADVISERS

#### Directors

Eliyahu Ayalon

(Director, Chairman of the Board)

Zvi Limon

(Non-executive Director)

Bruce A. Mann Louis Silver

(Non-executive Director) (Non-executive Director)

**Proposed Directors** 

**Brian Long** 

(Director, Executive Vice Chairman of the Board)

Kevin Fielding

(Director, Chief Executive Officer)

William McCabe

(Non-executive Director)

Sven-Christer Nilsson

(Non-executive Director)

The business address of each of the Directors and the Proposed Directors and the principal office of the Company is 2033 Gateway Place, Suite 150, San Jose, CA 95110-1002, United States.

The Company Secretary is Yaniv Arieli.

The registered office of the Company is 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801, United States.

#### Joint Sponsors

Goldman Sachs International

Peterborough Court 133 Fleet Street London EC4A 2BB United Kingdom

Morgan Stanley & Co. Limited

25 Cabot Square Canary Wharf London E14 4QA United Kingdom

Legal Advisers to the Company

As to English law

Morrison & Foerster MNP 21 Garlick Hill London EC4V 2AU United Kingdom

Legal Advisers to Parthus Technologies plc

As to English and US law

Brobeck Hale and Dorr Alder Castle 10 Noble Street London EC2V 7QJ United Kingdom

As to US law

Morrison & Foerster LLP 425 Market Street San Francisco, CA 94105-2482 **United States** 

As to US law

Hale and Dorr LLP 60 State Street Boston, MA 02109 **United States** 

#### Registered Auditors and Reporting Accountants to Ceva, Inc.

Kost, Forer & Gabbay (A member of Ernst & Young Global) 3 Aminaday Street Tel Aviv 67067 Israel

Registered Auditors and Reporting Accountants to Parthus Technologies plc

> **KPMG** 1 Stokes Place St. Stephens Green Dublin 2 Ireland

#### Registrar and Transfer Agent

(for all holders of ParthusCeva Shares other than U.K. resident holders) American Stock Transfer & Trust Company 6201, 15th Street Brooklyn, NY 11219 **United States** 

#### Registrar and Transfer Agent

(for U.K. resident holders of ParthusCeva Shares) Capita IRG Plc **Balfour House** 390-398 High Road Ilford Essex IG1 1NQ United Kingdom

#### COMPOSITION OF THIS DOCUMENT

This document comprises:

Section I-Additional information required to be included pursuant to the Listing Rules

Section II-The Prospectus

The Prospectus is a modified version of a prospectus which forms part of a registration statement on Form S-1 under the US Securities Act filed, subject to completion, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, which upon completion of the Combination, will be finalised. The version of the Prospectus included in Section II has been modified to comply with the Listing Rules.

As the Prospectus will be finalised and dispatched to stockholders of ParthusCeva (other than those stockholders who were Parthus Shareholders or Parthus ADS holders immediately prior to completion of the Combination) only following completion of the Combination, it assumes all of the events leading up to the Combination have already occurred. It also contains some blanks and square brackets in respect of information or dates not known as at the date of this document.

For the sake of consistency, Section I of this document has been prepared using the same assumptions as Section II. Unless the context requires otherwise, you should therefore assume all statements are made as if the events set out in the timetable on the next page have occurred. If, for any reason, an event does not occur as assumed and that is significant, the Company will give notification of that fact. In addition, the Company will give notification of any significant change affecting any matter contained in this document or of any significant new matter arising after the date of this document which is relevant to the information contained in this document.

#### EXPECTED TIMETABLE OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS

The Combination is conditional on, among other things, Parthus Shareholder approval of the Scheme and sanction of the Scheme by the High Court. The events detailed below have not yet occurred. The following is the expected timetable of the principal events connected with the Combination.

	<u>2002</u>
Extraordinary General Meeting	10:00 a.m. on 26 September
Court Meetings	beginning at 10:10 a.m. on 26 September*
Latest time for exercise of Parthus Options	10:00 p.m. on 15 October
High Court hearing of petition to sanction the Scheme	16 October**
Scheme Record Time	10:00 p.m. on 16 October**
Effective Date of the Scheme and completion of the Combination	17 October**
Admission and dealings in the ParthusCeva Shares commence on the London Stock Exchange	2:30 p.m. on 17 October
Authorisation and dealings in the ParthusCeva Shares expected to commence on Nasdaq	2:30 p.m. on 17 October
Despatch of definitive share certificates for the ParthusCeva Shares by post (where applicable)	not later than 31 October

#### Each of the times and dates in this timetable is subject to change. References to times are to Dublin time.

<sup>\*</sup> or as soon thereafter as the Extraordinary General Meeting shall have concluded or been adjourned

<sup>\*\*</sup> these dates are indicative only and will depend, inter alia, on the date upon which the High Court sanctions the Scheme

#### PART 1

#### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

#### SECTION A

## Accountants' Report on Parthus Technologies plc for the three years ended 31 December 2001

The following is the full text of a report by KPMG, Chartered Accountants:



The Directors
Parthus Technologies plc
32-34 Harcourt Street
Dublin 2

The Directors and Proposed Directors Ceva, Inc (to be renamed ParthusCeva, Inc) 2033 Gateway Place Suite 150, San Jose CA 95110-1002

Goldman Sachs International Peterborough Court 133 Fleet Street London EC4A 2BB

Morgan Stanley & Co. Limited 25 Cabot Square Canary Wharf London E14 4QA

2 September 2002

Dear Sirs

#### Parthus Technologies plc ("Parthus")

We report on the financial information set out on pages F-49 to F-71 of the listing particulars dated 2 September 2002 of Ceva, Inc. (to be renamed ParthusCeva, Inc.) ("Listing Particulars"). This financial information has been prepared for inclusion in the Listing Particulars. Parthus and its subsidiary undertakings are referred to in this report as the "Parthus Group".

#### Basis of Preparation

The financial information set out below is based on the audited consolidated financial statements of the Parthus Group for the three years ended 31 December 2001 which have been prepared in accordance with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States to which no adjustments were considered necessary.

#### Responsibility

Such financial statements are the responsibility of the directors of Parthus who approved their issue.

The Directors and Proposed Directors, whose names appear on page ii of the Listing Particulars, are responsible for the contents of the Listing Particulars other than, in the case of the Directors, that relating to the Parthus Group, the directors of Parthus, their immediate families, related trusts and persons connected with them.

Parthus and the Parthus Directors, are responsible for the information contained in the Listing Particulars relating to the Parthus Group, the directors of Parthus, their immediate families, related trusts and persons connected with them.

It is our responsibility to compile the financial information set out in our report from the financial statements, to form an opinion on the financial information and to report our opinion to you.

#### Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with the Statements of Investment Circular Reporting Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. Our work included an assessment of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial information. It also included an assessment of significant estimates and judgments made by those responsible for the preparation of the financial statements underlying the financial information and whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the circumstances of the Parthus Group, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our work so as to obtain all of the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial information is free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial information gives, for the purposes of the Listing Particulars, a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Parthus Group as at the dates stated and of the consolidated results of its operations and cash flows for the periods then ended.

Yours faithfully

KPMG Chartered Accountants Registered Auditors Dublin, Ireland

#### SECTION E

#### Unaudited Financial Information on Parthus Technologies plc for the six months ended 30 June 2002

The unaudited financial information on Parthus for the six months ended 30 June 2002 is set out on pages F-41 to F-47 of this document. Such financial information does not constitute statutory accounts within the meaning of section 149 of the 1963 Act.

#### SECTION C

## Accountant's Report on Ceva, Inc. for the three years ended 31 December 2001

The following is the full text of a report by Kost, Forer & Gabbay, a member of Ernst & Young Global, chartered accountants:

### **■**ERNST & YOUNG

The Directors and Proposed Directors Ceva, Inc. (to be renamed ParthusCeva, Inc.) 2033 Gateway Place Suite 150, San Jose CA 95110-1002

Goldman Sachs International 133 Fleet Street London EC4A 2BB

Morgan Stanley & Co. Limited 25 Cabot Square Canary Wharf London E14 4AQ

2 September 2002

Dear Sirs

Ceva, Inc. (to be renamed ParthusCeva, Inc.) ("Ceva")

#### 1. Introduction

We report on the financial information set out on pages F-16 to F-39 of the listing particulars dated 2 September 2002 of Ceva ("Listing Particulars"). This financial information has been prepared for inclusion in the Listing Particulars.

#### Basis of Preparation

The financial information set out on pages F-16 to F-39 of the Listing Particulars is based on the audited consolidated financial statements of Ceva and its subsidiaries (the "Group") for the three years ended 31 December 1999, 2000 and 2001 and has been prepared on the basis set out on pages F-21 to F-23 of the Listing Particulars, to which no adjustments were considered necessary.

#### Responsibility

Such financial statements are the responsibility of the directors of Ceva who approved their issue.

The Directors and Proposed Directors, whose names appear on page ii of the Listing Particulars, are responsible for the contents in the Listing Particulars, other than, in the case of the Directors, that relating to the Parthus Group, the directors of Parthus, their immediate families, related trusts and persons connected with them.

It is our responsibility to compile the financial information set out in our report from the financial statements, to form an opinion on the financial information and to report our opinion to you.

#### Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with the Statements of Investment Circular Reporting Standards issued by the Auditing Practices Board. Our work included an assessment of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial information. The evidence included that previously obtained by us relating to the audit of the financial statements underlying the financial information. It also included an assessment of significant estimates and judgements made by those responsible for the preparation of the financial statements underlying the financial information and whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Group's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our work so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial information is free from material misstatement whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error.

#### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial information gives, for the purposes of the Listing Particulars, a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Group as at the dates stated and of its profits, cash flows and recognised gains and losses for the periods then ended.

Yours faithfully

Kost, Forer & Gabbay, A member of Ernst & Young Global.

#### SECTION D

#### Unaudited Financial Information on Ceva, Inc. for the six months ended 30 June 2002

The unaudited financial information on Ceva for the six months ended 30 June 2002 is set out on pages F-2 to F-14 of this document and has been published in the United States in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

#### ACCOUNTANTS' LETTER ON PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The following is the full text of a letter by Kost, Forer & Gabbay, a member of Ernst & Young Global, chartered accountants:

### **■ERNST & YOUNG**

The Directors and Proposed Directors
Ceva, Inc. (to be renamed ParthusCeva, Inc.)
2033 Gateway Place
Suite 150, San Jose
CA 95110-1002
Goldman Sachs International
133 Fleet Street
London EC4A 2BB
Morgan Stanley & Co. International Limited
25 Cabot Square
Canary Wharf
London E14 4AQ

2 September 2002

Dear Sirs

#### Ceva, Inc. (to be renamed ParthusCeva, Inc.) ("Ceva")

We report on the pro forma financial information set out in on pages 41 to 47 of the listing particulars of Ceva dated 2 September 2002 ("Listing Particulars"), which has been prepared, for illustrative purposes only, to provide information about how the transaction might have affected the financial information presented.

#### Responsibility

It is the responsibility solely of the Directors and Proposed Directors, whose names appear on page ii of the Listing Particulars, to prepare the pro forma financial information in accordance with paragraph 12.29 of the Listing Rules.

It is our responsibility to form an opinion, as required by the Listing Rules of the UK Listing Authority, on the pro forma financial information and to report our opinion to you. We do not accept any responsibility for any reports previously given by us on any financial information used in the compilation of the pro forma financial information beyond that owed to those to whom those reports were addressed by us at the dates of their issue.

#### Basis of opinion

We conducted our work in accordance with the Statements of Investment Circular Reporting Standards and the Bulletin 1998/8 "Reporting on pro forma financial information pursuant to the Listing Rules" issued by the Auditing Practices Board. Our work, which involved no independent examination of any of the underlying financial information, consisted primarily of comparing the unadjusted financial information with the source documents, considering the evidence supporting the adjustments and discussing the pro forma financial information with the Directors and Proposed Directors.

#### **Opinion**

In our opinion:

- (a) the pro forma financial information has been properly compiled on the basis stated;
- (b) such basis is consistent with the accounting policies of Ceva; and
- (c) the adjustments are appropriate for the purposes of the pro forma financial information as disclosed pursuant to paragraph 12.29 of the Listing Rules of the UK Listing Authority.

Yours faithfully

Kost, Forer & Gabbay,

A member of Ernst & Young Global.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### 1. The Company

1.1 Ceva was incorporated as a corporation under Delaware General Corporation Law in the State of Delaware, United States on 22 November 1999 with the name DSP Cores, Inc. The Company changed its name to Corage, Inc. on 21 March 2002 and to Ceva, Inc. on 4 April 2002. Prior to the Effective Date, Ceva will change its name to ParthusCeva, Inc.

#### 2. Share Capital

- 2.1 Upon incorporation, the Company had authorised 10,000 shares of common stock with a par value of US\$1.00 each.
- 2.2 On 22 November 1999, the Board of Directors of the Company resolved to issue 1,000 ParthusCeva Shares to DSPG (which as at the date of this document represents 20,000,000 ParthusCeva Shares as a result of adjustments for subsequent splits and stock dividends) for an aggregate consideration of US\$1,000.
- 2.3 On 4 April 2002, the Board of Directors of the Company resolved in favour of the following changes to the share capital of the Company. The changes will take place prior to the completion of the Combination and Admission:
  - (a) the Company will issue 1,000 ParthusCeva Shares to DSPG as consideration for the contribution of assets, including the cash contribution, by DSPG to the Company pursuant to the Separation;
  - (b) the Company will accept the surrender of ParthusCeva Shares from DSPG to the Company pursuant to the Separation; and
  - (c) the Company will issue the requisite number of ParthusCeva Shares to the Parthus Shareholders pursuant to the Combination.
- 2.4 Following Admission, the Company will have authorised 105,000,000 shares of common stock with a par value of US\$0.001 each, of which (assuming exercise, between the date of this document and Admission, of all Parthus Options and options over the shares of Ceva common stock) 20,303,465 will have been issued and fully paid or credited as fully paid, and 5,000,000 shares of undesignated preferred stock, of which none will have been issued.
- 2.5 Save as disclosed in paragraph 2.2 above and in "Separation of DSP Cores Licensing Business from DSP Group-Treatment of DSP Group Stock Options" beginning on page 33 of this document, "Management-Stock Plans" beginning on page 107 of this document, "Transactions with Related Parties" beginning on page 116 of this document and "Description of Capital Stock" beginning on page 116 of this document:
  - (a) no share or loan capital of the Company has, within three years before the date of this document, been issued or agreed to be issued or is now proposed to be issued fully or partly paid either for cash or for a consideration other than cash to any person not being a subsidiary undertaking of the Company;
  - (b) no share or loan capital of the Company is under option or agreed conditionally or unconditionally to be put under option; and
  - (c) no commissions, discounts, brokerages or other special terms have, within three years preceding the date of this document, been granted by the Company or any of its subsidiary undertakings in connection with the issue or sale of any share or loan capital of any such company.

#### 3. Subsidiary Undertakings

The Company is the ultimate parent company of the Group and has the following subsidiaries which are wholly owned (except as set out below). Each of the subsidiaries operates in its country of incorporation.

Name	Country of Incorporation	Principal Activities	Registered Office
Parthus Technologies plc	Ireland	Developer of intellectual property solutions	32/34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland
DSP Ceva, Inc.	United States,	Developer of intellectual property solutions	1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801, United States
Corage Ltd	Israel	Developer of intellectual property solutions	5 Shenuar St, Herzelia, 46120 Israel
Parthus Ireland Limited	Ireland	Developer of intellectual property solutions	32/34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland
Silicon Systems Design Limited	Ireland	Developer of intellectual property solutions	32/34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland
Skelbrook Limited(1)	Ireland	Patent holding company	32/34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland
Parthus Research Limited(2)	Ireland	Patent holding company	32/34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland
Silsys Design (US) Inc.	United States	Developer of intellectual property solutions	2033 Gateway Place, Suite 150, San Jose, CA 95110, United States
Parthus Technologies Inc.	United States	Developer of intellectual property solutions	2033 Gateway Place, Suite 150, San Jose, CA 95110, United States
Chicory Systems Inc.	United States	Developer of intellectual property solutions	12365 Riata Trace Parkway, 2-150 Austin, TX 78727, United States
Parthus (NI) Limited	Northern Ireland	Developer of intellectual property solutions	17/25 College Square East, Belfast, Northern Ireland
Parthus Technologies SARL	France	Developer of intellectual property solutions	Tour Arlane, 5 Place de la Pyramide, 92088 Paris la Défense, Cedex, France
Parthus Holdings BV	Netherlands	Developer of intellectual property solutions	European Trust Services, AJ Ernstraat 199, 1083 GV, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Parthus Inc	Cayman Islands	Developer of intellectual property solutions	Genesis Trust Company Limited, Genesis Building, Fifth Floor, PO Box 448GT, Grand Cayman, Cayman Islands
Parthus (UK) Limited	Northern Ireland	Developer of intellectual property solutions	17/25 College Square East, Belfast, Northern Ireland
Amadala Limited	Ireland	Patent holding company	32/34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland
Epron Limited	Ireland	Dormant	32/34 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2, Ireland
Parthus Technologies Limited	Hong Kong	Developer of intellectual property solutions	Proxy Business Centre, 801 Stanhope House, 738 Kings Road, Hong Kong
Parthus Technologies Japan Limited	Japan	Developer of intellectual property solutions	2-6-2 Kajimacki, Chiyodaku, Tokyo, Japan

<sup>(1) 99.4%</sup> owned by Parthus Technologies plc and 0.6% by various employees of Parthus.

<sup>(2) 99.3%</sup> owned by Parthus Technologies plc and 0.7% by various employees of Parthus.

#### 4. Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws

Prior to Admission, the Board of the Company and the stockholders of the Company will resolve (such resolution being conditional on Admission), to amend and restate the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Company. As amended, this will contain provisions, *inter alia*, to the following effect:

- 4.1 The liability of the stockholders of the Company is limited.
- 4.2 The purpose of the Company is to engage in any act or activity which is lawful under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.
- 4.3 Each holder of ParthusCeva Shares shall be entitled to one vote for each share held on all matters to be voted on by stockholders. The holders of a majority of the shares issued and entitled to vote shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of stockholders.
- 4.4 Immediately upon Admission, no shares of preferred stock will be issued and outstanding. It is not the Company's current intention to issue preferred stock. Holders of ParthusCeva Shares have no pre-emption or other subscription rights. Holders of ParthusCeva Shares have no redemption rights.
- 4.5 The Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Company do not prohibit the Company from repurchasing or otherwise reacquiring any issued share capital of the Company and, accordingly, the Board may repurchase its shares, subject to applicable securities laws.
- 4.6 The Company's Bylaws provide that a majority of the fixed number of directors of the Board constitutes a quorum for the conducting of business at meetings of the Board; with certain limitations, the act of a majority of the Directors present at any meeting where a quorum is present constitutes an act by the Board. The Bylaws establish that the number of directors of the Company shall not be less than three and not more than eight, and that the Board has been fixed at eight members. The Bylaws also provide that the directors are elected by the stockholders at the annual meeting of stockholders, except in situations where vacancies otherwise arise. The Bylaws may be amended or repealed by the holders of a majority of the Company's voting stock or by a majority of the directors constituting the entire Board.
- 4.7 The Company's Bylaws provide that the Company shall have a Management Committee consisting of the Chairman of the Board, the Vice-Chairman of the Board, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Technology Officer of the Company. The Chief Financial Officer may also attend Management Committee meetings but only on a non-voting basis. The Management Committee shall be consulted with respect to any proposed budget, business plan, major policy or business decision before implementation thereof by the Company or submission thereof to the Board for review or approval.
- 4.8 Under Delaware law, the directors of the Company have the power to borrow money, at such rates of interest as they may determine, and to issue debt instruments.

#### 5. Summary of Rights of Stockholders under the Delaware General Corporation Law

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, United States and is required to follow the provisions of the Delaware General Corporation Law ("DGCL"). The offer and sale of its securities are subject to the applicable securities laws of the State of Delaware, the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The following statements are a general guide to the rights of stockholders under the current DGCL. They are intended only as a general summary. In particular, rights of stockholders are governed by the terms of the Company's Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, a summary of some of the provisions of which is set out above.

#### 5.1 Voting Rights

Under the DGCL, each stockholder is entitled to one vote per share unless a corporation's certificate of incorporation provides otherwise. In addition, unless the certificate of incorporation states otherwise, cumulative voting at all elections of directors of the corporation is not allowed. Unless otherwise required by the DGCL, a corporation's certificate of incorporation or bylaws shall specify the percentage of the outstanding shares which shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the stockholders; *provided*, that in no event may a quorum consist of less than one third of the shares entitled to vote at such meeting. The Company's Bylaws provide that holders of a majority of shares entitled to vote constitutes a quorum.

Under the DGCL, the approval of the holders of a majority of the common stock of a company is required to vary the rights attaching to the common stock. The approval of a majority of the shares of all classes of stock of a company entitled to vote for the election of directors is required for the adoption of any agreement for the merger or consolidation of the company or any subsidiary of the company with or into any other corporation; to authorise any sale, lease, exchange, mortgage, pledge or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the company or any subsidiary to any other corporation; to authorise the issuance or transfer by the company of any substantial amount of securities of the company in exchange for the securities or assets of any other corporation; or to engage in any other transaction the effect of which is to combine the assets and business of the company or any subsidiary of the company with any other corporation.

#### 5.2 Actions by Written Consent

Under the DGCL, unless otherwise provided in a corporation's certificate of incorporation, any action required or permitted to be taken at any meeting of stockholders may instead be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if a written consent to the action is signed by holders of outstanding shares of stock having no less than the minimum numbers of votes that would be required to authorise such action at a meeting of stockholders at which all stockholders entitled to vote thereon were present and voted. The Company's Certificate of Incorporation does not permit the stockholders to act by written consent.

#### 5.3 Sources and Payment of Dividends

The DGCL permits the payment of dividends on a corporation's common stock without stockholders' consent, subject to any restrictions contained in the certificate of incorporation, out of corporation's surplus (the excess of net assets over capital) or out of net profits for the current and preceding fiscal years. If the net assets are diminished to an amount less than the aggregate amount of capital represented by the issued and outstanding stock of all classes having a preference upon the distribution of assets, then no distribution paid out of net profits shall be made until the deficiency in the amount of capital represented by the issued and outstanding stock of all classes having a preference upon the distribution of assets shall have been repaid.

Under the DGCL, any dividends declared with respect to shares of stock of a Delaware corporation that remain unclaimed for a period of five years or more devolve to the State of Delaware if at the end of such five-year period the issuer does not know the location of the owner.

#### 5.4 Rights of Purchase and Redemption .

Under the DGCL, a corporation may purchase shares of any class of its capital stock or redeem shares of any class or series of preferred stock unless its capital is impaired or would become impaired as a result of such purchase or redeemton. However, a corporation may purchase or redeem out of the corporation's capital any of its own shares which are entitled upon any distribution of its assets, whether by dividend or in liquidation, to a preference over another class or series of its stock, or, if no share entitled to such a preference are outstanding, any of its own shares, if such shares will be retired upon their acquisition and the capital of the corporation thereby reduced.

#### 5.5 Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding-Up

Under the DGCL, in the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of a company, the holders of common stock shall be entitled to share on a pro rata basis according to the number of shares of common stock held by them in all remaining assets of the company available for distribution to the holders of common stock after provision has been made available for any class of preferred stock that may be issued in the future having preference over the common stock.

#### 5.6 Special Meeting of Stockholders

Under the DGCL, a special meeting of stockholders may be called only by a corporation's board of directors or by such person or persons as may be authorised by the certificate of incorporation or by-laws. The Company's Bylaws permit only the President, the Chairman of the Board, the Vice-Chairman of the Board or a majority of the Board of Directors to call a special meeting of the stockholders.

#### 5.7 Rights of Appraisal

Under the DGCL, stockholders who follow prescribed statutory procedures are entitled, in the event of certain mergers or consolidations, to surrender their shares to a corporation in exchange for the "fair value" of the shares. A stockholder, however, is not entitled to such appraisal rights if the shares of stock by the stockholder are listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 stockholders

unless the agreement of merger or consolidation converts such shares of stock into anything except shares of stock of the surviving corporation, shares of stock of any other corporation that at the effective date of the merger will be either listed on a national securities exchange or held of record by more than 2,000 stockholders, cash in lieu of fractional shares of such stock or any combination of such shares and cash in lieu of fractional shares.

#### 5.8 Pre-Emptive Rights

Unless the certificate of incorporation of a corporation expressly provides otherwise, stockholders of Delaware corporations do not have pre-emptive rights. The Company's Certificate of Incorporation does not provide for pre-emptive rights.

#### 5.9 Amendment of Governing Instruments

Under the DGCL, any amendment, alteration or repeal of any article of a corporation's certificate of incorporation requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the outstanding stock entitled to vote thereon and of a majority of the outstanding stock of each class entitled to vote thereon as a class, unless the certificate of incorporation or the article being amended, altered or repealed requires a greater vote. Even if not otherwise entitled to vote upon a proposed amendment, the holders of the outstanding shares of any class (or series of any class) are entitled under the DGCL to vote as a class upon such proposed amendment if it would alter the number of authorised shares or par value of the shares of such class (or series) or adversely affect the powers, preferences or special rights of the shares of such class (or series).

Under the DGCL, the bylaws of a corporation generally may be amended or restated by the affirmative vote of holders of a majority of the issued and outstanding stock of each class entitled to vote thereon as a class; provided however, that any corporation may in its certificate of incorporation, confer the power to adopt, amend or repeal bylaws upon the directors. The fact that such power has been conferred on the directors shall not divest the stockholders of the power, nor limit their power to adopt, amend or repeal the bylaws.

#### 5.10 Stockholders' Votes on Certain Reorganizations

Under the DGCL, the vote of a majority of the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote thereon is generally required to approve a merger or other reorganisation. However, subject to certain conditions set forth in the DGCL, no vote of the stockholders of a surviving corporation to a merger is needed unless required by the certificate of incorporation if (i) the agreement of merger does not amend in any respect the certificate of incorporation of such surviving corporation, (ii) each share of stock of such surviving corporation outstanding immediately prior to the effective date of the merger is to be an identical outstanding or treasury share of the surviving corporation after the effective date of the merger and (iii) either no shares of common stock of the surviving corporation, and no shares, securities or obligations convertible into such stock are to be issued or delivered under the plan of merger, or the authorised unissued shares or the treasury shares of common stock of the surviving corporation to be issued or delivered under the plan of merger plus those initially issuable upon conversion of any other shares, securities or obligations to be issued or delivered under such plan do not exceed 20% of the shares of common stock of such surviving corporation outstanding immediately prior to the effective date of the merger. Finally, the DGCL permits a corporation to include in its certificate of incorporation a provision requiring for any corporate action the vote of a larger portion of the stock or of any class or series thereof than would otherwise be required under the DGCL.

#### 5.11 Rights of Inspection

The DGCL allows any stockholder to inspect, during business hours, the stockholder list and a corporation's other books and records for a purpose reasonably related to such person's interest as a stockholder.

#### 5.12 Classification of the Board of Directors

Under the DGCL, the certificate of incorporation of a Delaware corporation may provide for the classification of the board of directors with respect to the time for which directors severally hold office. The Company's Certificate of Incorporation does not provide for a classified board.

#### 5.13 Removal of Directors

Under the DGCL, the entire board of directors or any individual director may be removed from office, with or without cause, by the holders of a majority of the shares then entitled to vote at an election of directors.

#### 5.14 Vacancies on the Board of Directors

Under the DGCL, the bylaws of a corporation may include a provision that the board of directors may increase or decrease the number of directors and fill any vacancy on the board, including vacancies resulting from an increase in the number of directors. The Company's Bylaws contain such a provision.

#### 5.15 Liability of Directors

The DGCL permits a corporation to include in its certificate of incorporation a provision that would eliminate a director's monetary liability for certain breaches of such director's fiduciary duty, such as in a lawsuit by or on behalf of the corporation or in any action by stockholders of the corporation.

#### 5.16 Indemnification of Directors and Officers

The DGCL provides that a corporation may, and in certain circumstances must, indemnify its directors, officers, employees or agents for expenses, judgements or settlements actually and reasonably incurred by them in connection with suits and other legal actions or proceedings if they acted in good faith and in a manner they reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and to adopt procedures for advancing expenses to directors, officers and others without the need for a case-by-case determination of eligibility, so long as in the case of officers and directors, they undertake to repay the amounts advanced if it is ultimately determined that the officer or director was not entitled to be indemnified. The Company's Certificate of Incorporation contains such a provision.

#### 5.17 Stockholders' Suits

Under the DGCL and subject to certain conditions, a stockholder may institute a lawsuit on behalf of the corporation. An individual stockholder also may commence a lawsuit on behalf of himself or herself and other similarly situated stockholders where the requirements for maintaining a class action under Delaware law have been met.

#### 5.18 Certain Provisions Relating to Share Acquisitions

The DGCL generally prevents a corporation from entering into certain business combinations with an interested stockholder (defined as any person or entity that is the beneficial owner of at least 15% of the corporation's outstanding voting stock or an affiliate or associate of the corporation who was the owner of 15% or more of the corporation's outstanding voting stock at any time in the preceding three years) or its affiliates, unless (i) the corporation's board of directors approved the business combination or transaction prior to the time the stockholder became an interested stockholder, (ii) the interested stockholder acquired 85% of the corporation's voting stock outstanding in the transaction in which they became an interested stockholder or (iii) the business combination is approved by the board of directors and by a vote of  $66\frac{2}{3}$ % of the outstanding voting stock not owned by the interested stockholder.

#### 5.19 Distribution of Assets on Liquidation

The DGCL provides that, upon liquidation and winding up, any surplus assets following the satisfaction of all claims will be divided amongst the holders of the stock according to the respective numbers of shares held by them subject to the rights of the holders of any class of stock having preferential rights or privileges. The Company has no class of its stock presently issued which has any such preferential rights or privileges.

#### 5.20 Changes in Share Capital

Pursuant to the DGCL, a corporation may by resolution of the stockholders amend its Certificate of Incorporation to increase or decrease its authorised capital stock or to reclassify the same, by changing the number, par value, designations, preferences or relative participating, optional or other special rights of the shares, or the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such rights, or by changing shares with par value into shares without par value either with or without increasing or decreasing the number of shares.

The DGCL permits a corporation to purchase, redeem, receive, take or otherwise acquire, own and hold, sell, lend, exchange, transfer or otherwise dispose of, pledge, use and otherwise deal in and with its own shares; *provided*, that, except in limited circumstances, no corporation is impaired or when such purchase or redemption would cause any impairment of the capital of the corporation

#### 6. Directors' Employment Agreements

Immediately prior to completion of the Combination, Brian Long, Kevin Fielding and Eliyahu Ayalon will enter into employment agreements with the Company, details of which are set out below.

Mr. Long's employment will be terminable at any time by the Company upon the determination of the Board on not less than 36 months notice to Mr. Long, or by him on not less than 36 months notice to the Company. Mr. Long's salary will be US\$170,000 per annum and he will be entitled to receive a pension contribution equivalent to 15% of his gross salary and medical insurance cover for himself and his dependants. Mr. Long will be entitled to a bonus entitlement to be determined at the discretion of the compensation committee of the Board. If the Company or succeeding corporation after a change of control of the Company terminates Mr. Long's employment or if Mr. Long resigns after the Company assigns him to duties inconsistent in any material respect with, or materially diminishes, his position, authority or responsibilities; reduces his annual base salary other than through a comparable reduction in salary affecting all similarly situated employees; fails to continue to provide any material compensation or benefit plan or program in which Mr. Long participates or provides such compensation, plan or program on a materially reduced basis; fails to award cash bonuses to Mr. Long in amounts and in a manner substantially consistent with past practice in light of the Company's financial performance; or relocate Mr. Long to a new office that is more than 60 kilometers from his principal residence and more than 35 kilometers from the location at which he performs his principal duties for the Company then Mr. Long will be entitled to fringe benefits and an amount equal to compensation to which Mr. Long would otherwise have been entitled if he had remained employed by the Company for two years after the termination.

#### Kevin Fielding

Mr. Fielding's employment will be terminable at any time by the Company upon the determination of the Board on not less than 12 months notice to Mr. Fielding, or by him on not less than 12 months notice to the Company. Mr. Fielding's salary will be €280,000 per annum and he will be entitled to receive a pension contribution equivalent to 15% of his gross salary and medical insurance cover for himself and his dependants. Mr. Fielding will be entitled to a bonus entitlement to be determined at the discretion of the compensation committee of the Board. If the Company or succeeding corporation after a change of control of the Company terminates Mr. Fielding's employment or if Mr. Fielding resigns after the Company assigns him to duties inconsistent in any material respect with, or materially diminishes, his position, authority or responsibilities, reduces his annual base salary other than through a comparable reduction in salary affecting all similarly situated employees; fails to continue to provide any material compensation or benefit plan or program in which Mr. Fielding participates or provides such compensation, plan or program on a materially reduced basis; fails to award cash bonuses to Mr. Fielding in amounts and in a manner substantially consistent with past practice in light of the Company's financial performance; or relocates Mr. Fielding to a new office that is more than 60 kilometers from his principal residence and more than 35 kilometers from the location at which he performs his principal duties for the Company then Mr. Fielding will be entitled to fringe benefits and an amount equal to the compensation to which Mr. Fielding would otherwise have been entitled if he had remained employed by the Company for two years after the termination.

#### Eliyahu Ayalon

The details of the employment agreement to be entered into by Eliyahu Ayalon with the Company are set out on page 104 of this document.

The other Directors and Proposed Directors (who will each be non-executive directors of the Company) will not be entering into formal agreements with the Company. However, the arrangements with them will provide for the payment to each of them of US\$20,000 per annum plus US\$500 per board meeting.

#### 7. Principal Shareholders

Save as disclosed in "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management" beginning on page 112 of this document, so far as the Directors and the Proposed Directors are aware, there is no person who, following completion of the Combination, will own beneficially more than 3% of the outstanding ParthusCeva Shares.

#### 8. Material Contracts

- 8.1 Except as disclosed in paragraph 8.2 and in the section headed "Agreements Between Ceva and DSP Group" beginning on page 27 of this document:
  - (a) no contracts, other than contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, have been entered into by Ceva or any of its subsidiaries or the Parthus Group within the two years immediately preceding the date of this document which are, or may be, material; and
  - (b) no contracts have been entered into by Ceva or any of its subsidiaries or the Parthus Group, not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, which contains any provision under which

Ceva or any of its subsidiaries or the Parthus Group has any obligation or entitlement which is material to Ceva or any of its subsidiaries or the Parthus Group as at the date of this document.

- 8.2 The following agreements have been entered into otherwise than in the ordinary course of business:
  - (a) In connection with the Combination, Ceva, DSPG and Parthus entered into the Combination Agreement pursuant to which it was agreed, subject to certain conditions, that,
    - Parthus will combine with Ceva to form ParthusCeva;
    - immediately prior to the Combination, Parthus will distribute to its existing shareholders an aggregate of US\$60 million in cash;
    - immediately prior to the Combination, DSPG will contribute the core licensing business and US\$40 million cash to Ceva plus cash equal to the amount by which the transaction costs of the Separation and Combination exceed US\$2 million, and Ceva will be spun-off from DSPG and its existing shares will be distributed to the existing shareholders of DSPG;
    - all existing Parthus shares will be cancelled pursuant to the Scheme; and
    - immediately following the Combination, the existing shareholders of Parthus will hold 49.9% of the ParthusCeva Shares, and the existing shareholders of DSPG will hold the remaining 50.1%.

The Combination Agreement is conditional upon, *inter alia*, Parthus shareholder approval and sanction of the Scheme by the High Court.

The parties to the Combination Agreement have given certain representations and warranties to the other parties typical to a transaction of this nature.

- (b) In connection with the applications for Admission, Ceva, DSPG, Parthus, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley entered into a Sponsor's Agreement dated the date of this document pursuant to which, *inter alia*:
  - Ceva appointed Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley as joint sponsors for the purpose of the application for admission of the ParthusCeva Shares to listing on the Official List;
  - Ceva appointed Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley as nominated representative for the purpose
    of the application to the London Stock Exchange for the ParthusCeva Shares to be admitted to
    trading;
  - Ceva, Parthus and DSPG gave certain warranties and undertakings to Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley typical to a transaction of this nature and (with the exception of DSPG where a two year limit applies) are unlimited in time and quantity, except as limited by any applicable statute on limitation; and
  - Ceva and Parthus have agreed to indemnify Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs, respectively, on customary terms against certain liabilities in connection with the accuracy of the information contained in this document and certain other documents. DSPG has agreed to indemnify Morgan Stanley against the same liabilities in the event that the Combination does not occur by 31 December 2002 or if prior to the Effective Date Ceva fails to make payment pursuant to its indemnity obligations or if after the Effective Date a claim is made within two years and it relates to DSPG information. There are no fees payable to or from the Sponsors in connection with the application for Admission.

#### 9. Property

Details of the Company's properties are set out on page 99 of this document.

#### 10. Significant Change and Working Capital

Significant Change-Ceva

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of Ceva including its subsidiaries, since 30 June 2002, the end of the last financial period for which financial statements have been published.

Significant Change-Parthus

There has been no significant change in the financial or trading position of Parthus, including its subsidiaries, since 30 June 2002, the end of the last financial period for which financial statements have been published.

Working Capital

In the opinion of the Company, the working capital available to the Enlarged Group is sufficient for the present requirements of the Enlarged Group, that is, for at least the next 12 months from the date of publication of this document.

#### 11. Current Trading and Prospects

On 17 July 2002, DSPG announced the unaudited interim results for Ceva for the six months ended 30 June 2002. These interim results are set out on pages F-2 to F-14 of this document and a discussion and analysis thereon begins on page 56 of this document. In the limited time since 30 June 2002, the Directors believe that Ceva's trading is continuing in accordance with their expectations.

On 17 July 2002, Parthus announced its unaudited interim results for the six months ended 30 June 2002. These interim results are set out on pages F-41 to F-47 of this document and a discussion and analysis thereon begins on page 70 of this document. In the limited time since 30 June 2002, the Proposed Directors believe that Parthus' trading is continuing in accordance with their expectations. Parthus is currently implementing a reduction in workforce in connection with the streamlining of two product lines. The reduction in workforce and realignment of resources is expected to result in the incurrence of a one-off restructuring charge during Parthus' third quarter of fiscal 2002 in the region of US\$3 million. However, there can be no assurance that the restructuring charge will not exceed that amount.

The Company believes that following the Combination, it will be well positioned to address two major industry trends. First, the Company believes there is currently a move away from traditional proprietary solutions and towards open standard RISC and DSP processor architectures. Second, increasing semiconductor product complexity and constrained time-to-market demands have led to a growth in the licensing of complete platform level IP solutions. The Combination will create what the Company believes will be a leading independent provider of DSP core based solutions, with a customer base that includes many of the world's largest semiconductor companies and OEMs, able to offer an integrated IP solution including communications, applications and multi-media IP built around DSP core technology. Accordingly, the Company is confident about the trading prospects of the Enlarged Group for the current financial year. However, actual trading will be dependent, among other factors, upon the revival of the Company's target markets and an absence of change in its competitive environment, and is subject to all of the risks and uncertainties set forth above under "Risk Factors" starting on page 7 of this document.

#### 12. Taxation

The comments set out below summarise the Irish, United Kingdom and United States taxation treatment of holding ParthusCeva Shares. They are based on existing law and what is understood to be current Irish Revenue Commissioners, Inland Revenue and IRS practice. The comments are intended as a general guide and apply to shareholders resident for tax purposes in Ireland, the United Kingdom and the United States who hold ParthusCeva Shares as an investment and not as securities to be realised in the course of a trade and who are the absolute beneficial owners thereof. Shareholders who are in any doubt about their taxation position, or who are resident or otherwise subject to taxation in a jurisdiction outside Ireland, the United Kingdom or the United States should consult their own professional advisers immediately.

#### 12.1 Irish taxation

The following are the material Irish tax consequences to shareholders of the ownership and disposition of ParthusCeva Shares. The comments below are only a guide to the general tax position based on current Irish law and practice. They relate to persons who are resident or ordinarily resident in the Republic of Ireland for tax purposes, who hold ParthusCeva Shares as an investment, and who are the absolute beneficial owners of ParthusCeva Shares. The comments below may not apply to certain classes of person such as dealers. If you are in doubt as to your position you should consult your own professional adviser.

#### Taxation of Dividends

On the basis that the Company is not resident in Ireland for taxation purposes dividends paid by ParthusCeva, Inc. will not be subject to Irish withholding tax.

Receipts of dividends by Irish resident holders of ParthusCeva Shares will be subject to Irish income tax or corporation tax as appropriate. An individual who is resident but not domiciled or ordinarily resident should only be subject to income tax on dividends received from ParthusCeva, Inc. to the extent that they are remitted to the Republic of Ireland.

In general, dividends paid by a US company to shareholders resident in Ireland will suffer US withholding tax. However, a Double Taxation Agreement is currently in operation between Ireland and the US. Provided certain administrative conditions are met, under the terms of this Agreement the amount of US tax charged shall not exceed:-

• 5% of the gross amount of the dividends if the beneficial owner is a company that owns at least 10% of the voting stock of the company paying the dividends; or

• 15% of the gross amount of the dividends in all other cases.

Tax withheld by the US authorities on the payment of the dividend is allowable as a credit against Irish tax arising on the gross dividend paid by ParthusCeva Inc. Where the recipient of the dividend is a company, in certain circumstances, credit for underlying US tax paid may be available against the Irish tax arising on those dividends.

#### Taxation of Capital Gains

Irish Shareholders

A shareholder who is resident or ordinarily resident in the Republic of Ireland is chargeable to capital gains tax on chargeable gains arising on the disposal of ParthusCeva Shares.

An individual who is resident or ordinarily resident but not domiciled in the Republic of Ireland, should be liable to capital gains tax on chargeable gains on the disposal of the ParthusCeva Shares only to the extent that the proceeds are remitted to the Republic of Ireland.

A disposal of ParthusCeva Shares by an Irish resident or ordinarily resident shareholder may, depending on the shareholder's individual circumstances—including the availability of exemptions, indexation and allowable losses—give rise to a liability to capital gains taxation at a rate of 20%.

#### Irish Capital Acquisitions Tax

Irish capital acquisitions tax (referred to as CAT) applies to gifts and inheritances.

Where a gift or inheritance of ParthusCeva Shares is taken under a disposition made after 1 December 1999, it will be within the charge to CAT:

- where the person making the gift or inheritance is or was resident or ordinarily resident in the Republic of Ireland at the date of the disposition under which the gift or inheritance is taken; or
- in the case of a gift taken under a discretionary trust where the person from whom the gift is taken was resident or ordinarily resident in the Republic of Ireland at the date he made the settlement, or at the date of the gift or, if he is dead at the date of the gift, at his death; or
- where the person receiving the gift or inheritance is resident or ordinarily resident in the Republic of Ireland at the date of the gift or inheritance.

The person who receives the gift or inheritance is primarily liable for CAT. A person is secondarily liable if he is the donor, his personal representative or an agent, trustee or other person in whose care the property constituting the gift or inheritance or the income there from is placed. Taxable gifts or inheritances received by an individual since 5 December 1991 from donors in the same threshold class are aggregated and only the excess over a specified tax-free threshold is taxed. The tax-free threshold is dependent on the relationship between the donor and the donees and the aggregation since 5 December 1991 of all previous gifts and inheritances, within the same tax threshold.

CAT is charged at the rate of 20%.

There is no gift and inheritance tax convention between the United States and the Republic of Ireland. Although an estate tax convention between the two countries was ratified in 1951, estate duty was abolished in the Republic of Ireland in 1975 and it is not clear whether the estate tax convention is applicable to Irish gift and inheritance taxes that replaced the former estate duty. As a matter of practice, the Irish Revenue Commissioners apply the convention in respect of inheritance tax.

Irish Stamp Duty

No Irish stamp duty arises on the transfer of shares in a non-Irish registered company provided that the transfer does not relate to Irish property.

#### 12.2 UK Taxation

The following are the material UK tax consequences to shareholders of the ownership and disposition of ParthusCeva Shares. The comments below are only a guide to the general tax position based on current UK law and what is understood to be current Inland Revenue practice. They relate only to persons who are

resident (and, in the case of individuals, ordinarily resident) in (and only in) the UK for tax purposes, who hold ParthusCeva Shares as an investment, and who are the absolute beneficial owners of ParthusCeva Shares. The comments below may not apply to certain classes of person including (but not limited to) dealers, brokers, insurance companies and collective investment schemes. If you are in doubt as to your position, or you are resident or otherwise subject to taxation in a jurisdiction outside the UK, you should consult your own professional adviser.

#### Taxation of Dividends

The receipt of dividends by holders of ParthusCeva Shares will be subject to UK income tax or corporation tax as appropriate.

Any US tax withheld by ParthusCeva, Inc. on the payment of a dividend (see 13.3 "US Taxation" below) should be allowable as a credit against UK tax arising on the gross dividend paid by ParthusCeva, Inc. Where the recipient of the dividend is a company, in certain circumstances, credit for underlying US tax paid may be available against the UK tax arising on those dividends.

#### Taxation of Chargeable Gains

#### UK Shareholders

A disposal of ParthusCeva Shares by a shareholder resident or, in the case of an individual, ordinarily resident, for UK tax purposes in the UK at the date of disposal may, depending on the shareholder's particular circumstances, and subject to any available exemption or relief, give rise to a chargeable gain or an allowable loss for the purposes of UK taxation.

Corporate shareholders are chargeable to corporation tax on chargeable gains at the corporate shareholders' appropriate rate of corporation tax in the year in which the gain is realised for tax purposes.

#### Shareholders Temporarily Resident outside the UK

Under anti-avoidance legislation a shareholder who is an individual and who is only temporarily resident outside the UK at the date of disposal may be liable to UK taxation of chargeable gains on their return to the UK in respect of gains realised while they were temporarily resident outside the UK, subject to any available exemption or relief.

#### U.K. Inheritance Tax

ParthusCeva shares beneficially owned by an individual may be subject to UK inheritance tax on the death of the individual or, in certain circumstances, if the ParthusCeva shares are the subject of a gift (including a transfer at less than full market value) by the individual. UK inheritance tax is not generally chargeable on gifts to individuals or to certain types of settlement made more than seven years before the death of the donor.

Overseas taxes arising on a gift/inheritance may be creditable against UK inheritance tax to the extent of the UK inheritance tax arising in respect of those assets.

#### U.K. Stamp Duty

As ParthusCeva is incorporated outside the UK and its share register will be kept outside the UK, no charge to UK stamp duty reserve tax should arise in respect of an agreement to transfer the ParthusCeva Shares. Nor should there be UK stamp duty on any agreement for sale of the ParthusCeva Shares.

Although documents effecting the transfer of the ParthusCeva Shares may technically be within the scope of UK stamp duty, it is unlikely that stamp duty would ever need to be paid in respect of such transfers in practice.

No UK stamp duty or SDRT liability should arise in respect of transfers of, or agreements to transfer, the UK depository interests representing ParthusCeva Shares issued by CREST Depository Limited.

#### 12.3 US Taxation

The discussion below summarises the material U.S. federal income tax considerations generally applicable to U.S. holders and non-U.S. holders in connection with the ownership and disposition of ParthusCeva Shares. For purposes of this discussion, a "U.S. holder" is a beneficial owner of shares that is, for federal

income tax purposes, (i) an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, (ii) a corporation created or organised under the laws of the United States or any state or political subdivision thereof, (iii) an estate the income of which is includible in gross income for federal income tax purposes regardless of its source or (iv) a trust, the administration of which is subject to the primary supervision of a United States court and which has one or more United States persons who have authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust. The term "non-U.S. holder" refers to any beneficial owners of shares other than a U.S. holder. For U.S. federal income tax purposes, income earned through a foreign or domestic partnership or similar entity is attributed to its owners.

The discussion below is based on the current provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, currently applicable United States Treasury Regulations promulgated thereunder, and judicial and administrative decisions and rulings. The discussion below does not purport to address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may affect particular ParthusCeva shareholders in light of their individual circumstances, and is not intended for shareholders subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax law. Shareholders subject to special treatment include, without limitation, insurance companies, tax-exempt organisations, financial institutions, broker-dealers, shareholders who hold their shares as part of a hedge, appreciated financial position, constructive sale, straddle or conversion transaction, shareholders who do not hold their ParthusCeva Shares as capital assets and shareholders who acquire their ParthusCeva Shares upon exercise of employee options or otherwise as compensation.

The following discussion is not intended to be a complete analysis or description of all potential U.S. federal income tax consequences or any other tax consequences of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of ParthusCeva Shares. In addition, this discussion does not consider the effect of applicable state and local tax laws. Shareholders of ParthusCeva are urged to consult their own tax advisors as to the particular tax consequences to them as a result of the acquisition, ownership and disposition of ParthusCeva Shares, including the applicability and effect of any state, local, or non-U.S. tax laws, and changes in applicable tax laws.

#### (a) US holders

#### (i) Sale or exchange of ParthusCeva Shares

In general, a US holder of ParthusCeva Shares will recognise a capital gain or loss upon the sale, exchange, or other disposition of the ParthusCeva Shares measured by the difference between: (i) the amount received in exchanged for the ParthusCeva Shares; and (ii) the US holder's tax basis in the shares.

#### (ii) Dividends on ParthusCeva Shares

In general, distributions on ParthusCeva Shares will constitute dividends for US federal income tax purposes to the extent of the current or accumulated earnings and profits of ParthusCeva (if any) as determined under US federal income tax law. Dividends paid to holders that are US corporations may be eligible for the dividends received deduction. To the extent that a US holder receives distributions on ParthusCeva Shares that would otherwise constitute dividends for US federal income tax purposes, but that exceed the current or accumulated earnings and profits of ParthusCeva, the distribution will be treated first as a non-taxable return of capital reducing the holder's tax basis in the ParthusCeva Shares. Any distribution in excess of the holder's tax basis will be treated as capital gain.

#### (iii) Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Backup withholding of US federal income tax at a rate of 30% (subject to periodic reductions) may apply to payments received with respect to ParthusCeva shares by a US holder that is not an "exempt recipient" and that fails to provide certain identifying information (such as the holder's taxpayer identification number) and certification in the manner required. Generally, individuals are not exempt recipients and corporations and certain other entities are exempt recipients. Payments made in respect of the ParthusCeva shares must be reported to the IRS unless the US holder is an exempt recipient or otherwise establishes an exemption.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a US holder will be refunded, or credited against the holder's US federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information or appropriate claim for refund is furnished to the IRS.

#### (b) Non-US Holders

#### (i) Sale or exchange of ParthusCeva Shares

A non-US holder generally will not be subject to US federal income tax on gain recognised on the sale or exchange of the ParthusCeva Shares unless:

- the gain is, or is treated as, effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the US by the non-US holder (and, if any applicable income tax treaty so requires, is also attributable to a permanent establishment of the non-US holder in the US); or
- in the case of a non-US holder who is a non-resident alien individual and holds the ParthusCeva Shares as a capital asset, the holder is present in the US for 183 or more days in the taxable year of the sale or exchange and certain other conditions are met or in the case of certain expatriates.

Corporate non-US holders that have income on a sale or an exchange that is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the United States may also be subject to an additional "branch profits" tax.

#### (ii) Dividends on ParthusCeva Shares

In general, any distribution on ParthusCeva Shares will be treated as a dividend, return of capital, or capital gain as described above with respect to US holders. A distribution that is treated as a dividend under those rules and that is received by a non-US holder will be subject to US federal income tax withholding at a rate of 30% unless the dividend is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the US by the non-US holder, in which case the dividend will generally be subject to US federal income tax rules that apply to US holders generally, or unless an applicable income tax treaty reduces or eliminates the withholding tax and the non-US holder complies with applicable certification. A distribution to a non-US holder that is treated as capital gain will be subject to the rules described above under "Sale or exchange of ParthusCeva Shares". Corporate non-US holders that receive dividend income that is effectively connected with the conduct of a trade or business within the US may also be subject to an additional "branch profits" tax on such income.

Residents of Ireland should be aware that certain aspects of the Double Taxation Agreement currently in operation between Ireland and the US are discussed in paragraph 12.1 of Part 3 of this document. Shareholders resident in Ireland are advised to seek professional guidance on the applicability of this Double Taxation Agreement to their individual circumstances.

Residents of the UK should be aware that a new Double Taxation Agreement is due to be ratified by the UK and US legislatures in the near future and shareholders are advised to seek professional guidance on the applicability of this agreement (or, if this agreement has not been ratified when seeking professional guidance, the Double Tax Agreement currently in force) to their individual circumstances. Provided certain administrative conditions are met, under the terms of this agreement the amount of US tax charged shall not exceed:-

5% of the gross amount of the dividends if the beneficial owner is a company that owns shares representing directly or indirectly at least 10% of the voting power of the company paying the dividends; or

15% of the gross amount of the dividends in all other cases.

#### (iii) Federal Estate Taxes

ParthusCeva Shares owned or treated as owned by an individual who is a non-US holder at the time of his or her death will be included in the individual's estate for US federal estate tax purposes and thus will be subject to US federal estate tax, unless an applicable estate tax treaty provides otherwise.

#### (iv) Information Reporting and Backup Withholding

Parthus Ceva must report annually to the United States Internal Revenue Service and to each non-US holder the amount of dividends paid to that holder and the tax withheld from those dividends, regardless of whether withholding was required. Copies of such information returns may also be made available to the tax authorities in the country in which the non-US holder is a resident under the provisions of an applicable income tax treaty or agreement or as required under local law. The gross amount of the dividends not otherwise subject to US federal withholding tax paid to a non-US holder

that fails to certify its non-US holder status in accordance with applicable US Treasury Regulations generally will be subject to backup withholding at a rate of 30%, subject to periodic reductions.

United States information reporting and backup withholding imposed at the above rate will generally apply to the proceeds of a disposition of our common stock by a non-US holder effected by or through the United States office of a broker unless the non-US holder verifies its status as a non-US holder or otherwise establishes an exemption. Generally, US information reporting and backup withholding will not apply to a payment of disposition proceeds where the transaction is effected outside the US through a non-US office of a non-US broker. However, unless a non-US holder establishes an exemption or a broker has documentary evidence in its files of the holder's non-US status, US information reporting requirements (but not backup withholding) will apply to the payment of disposition proceeds where the transaction is effected outside the US by or through an office outside the US of a broker that is:

- a US person;
- a controlled foreign corporation for US federal income tax purposes;
- a foreign person 50% or more of whose gross income from all sources for the three-year period ending with the close of its taxable year preceding the payment, or for such part of the period that the foreign person has been in existence, is derived from activities that are effectively connected with the conduct of a US trade or business; or
- a foreign partnership if, at any time during its taxable year, (A) more than 50% of the capital or profits interests in the partnership is owned by US persons, or (B) the partnership is engaged in a US trade or business.

Non-US holders should consult their own tax advisors regarding the application of the information and backup withholding rules to them.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Any amounts withheld under the backup withholding rules from a payment to a non-US holder will be refunded, or credited against the holder's US federal income tax liability, if any, provided that the required information or appropriate claim for refund is furnished to the IRS.

#### 13. Miscellaneous

- 13.1 KPMG have given and not withdrawn their written consent to the inclusion of their report as set out in Part 1, Section A of this document and the references thereto and to their name in the form and context in which they appear and have authorised the contents of those parts of this document comprising their report for the purposes of Regulation 6(1)(e) of The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Official Listing of Securities) Regulations 2001.
- 13.2 Kost, Forer and Gabbay, a member of Ernst & Young Global, have given and not withdrawn their written consent to the inclusion of their report as set out in Part 1, Section C of this document and their letter as set out in Part 2 of this document and the references thereto and to their name in the form and context in which they appear and have authorised the contents of those parts of this document comprising their report and letter for the purposes of Regulation 6(1)(e) of The Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Official Listing of Securities) Regulations 2001.
- 13.3 No temporary documents of title will be issued in respect of the ParthusCeva Shares. The ParthusCeva Shares will be in registered form.
- 13.4 The ParthusCeva Shares will not be marketed or made available to the public in the UK in conjunction with this application for admission.
- 13.5 The Directors and Proposed Directors may determine that any class of shares may be held in uncertificated form and evidenced and transferred by electronic means without a written instrument in accordance with statutory regulations made from time to time under the Delaware General Corporation Law or any other regulations having similar effect or that shares of any class should cease to be held and transferred as aforesaid.

- 13.6 The aggregate amount payable by the Enlarged Group during the 52 weeks ending on 31 December 2002 for remuneration and benefits in kind (including pensions contributions) to all persons who served in the capacity of director of the Company during that period is expected to be approximately US\$597,500.
- 13.7 There is no agreement under which any Director or Proposed Director of the Company has waived or agreed to waive future emoluments nor has there been any waiver of emoluments during the financial year immediately preceding the date of this document.
- 13.8 No loans or guarantees have been granted or provided to or for the benefit of any of the Directors and Proposed Directors by the Company which have not been repaid or released as at the date of this document.
- 13.9 It is estimated that the total expenses relating to the Combination which are payable by the Company will amount to approximately US\$10,000,000 (excluding any Value Added Tax).
- 13.10 Based on the number of shares of Ceva common stock expected to be in issue immediately following the Separation, the maximum number of new ParthusCeva Shares to be issued to Parthus Shareholders pursuant to the Combination will be approximately 8,999,500.
- 13.11 Based on the closing dealt price of 20.75 pence per Parthus Share on 27 August 2002 (being the latest practicable date prior to publication of this document) and on the assumption that no further shares are issued pursuant to rights granted between the date of this document and the Effective Date by Parthus, the aggregate consideration represented by the maximum number of ParthusCeva Shares to be issued to Parthus Shareholders in the Combination (as referred to in paragraph 13.10 above) is £122,668,098 (US\$187,755,791). Each such ParthusCeva Share is to be issued credited as fully paid. This would represent a premium of US\$20.86 per ParthusCeva Share over the nominal value of \$0.001.
- 13.12 The offer of ParthusCeva Shares to DSP shall be open until the earlier of the satisfaction of the conditions set out in the Combination Agreement or 31 December 2002. The offer of ParthusCeva Shares to shareholders of Parthus shall be open until the earlier of the approval of the Scheme or 31 December 2002.
- 13.13 Save as disclosed on page F-63 of this document, Parthus have not declared or paid any cash dividends in the last three financial years.
- 13.14 In paragraph 13.11 and in Part 4 of this document, and for convenience only, all amounts quoted in euro and/or sterling have been converted using the following exchange rates:

€1 = US\$0.9799

£1 = US\$1.5306

#### 14. Documents Available for Inspection

Copies of the following documents may be inspected at the offices of Morrison & Foerster MNP, 21 Garlick Hill, London, EC4V 2AU and at the offices of Brobeck Hale and Dorr, Alder Castle, 10 Noble Street, London EC2V 7QJ during usual business hours on any weekday (Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays excepted) until 17 October 2002:

- 14.1 the Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Company;
- 14.2 the draft of the form of employment contracts referred to in paragraph 6 of this Part 3 of this document;
- 14.3 the material contracts (or, where relevant, drafts thereof) referred to in paragraph 8 of this Part 3 of this document;
- 14.4 the rules of the Company's share schemes referred to in the section entitled "Stock Plans" beginning on page 107 of this document;
- 14.5 the consolidated audited accounts of Parthus Technologies plc for each of financial years 1999, 2000 and 2001:
- 14.6 the Accountants' Report by KPMG contained in Part 1, Section A of this document;
- 14.7 the Accountants' Report by Kost, Forer & Gabbay, a member of Ernst & Young Global contained in Part 1, Section C of this document;
- 14.8 the letter from Kost, Forer & Gabbay, a member of Ernst & Young Global, contained in Part 2 of this document:
- 14.9 the letter of consent from KPMG, referred to in paragraph 13.1 of this Part 3 of this document; and
- 14.10 the letter of consent from Kost, Forer & Gabbay, a member of Ernst & Young Global, referred to in paragraph 13.2 of this Part 3 of this document.

The date of this document is 2 September 2002.

#### PART 4

#### **DEFINITIONS AND GLOSSARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS**

#### **Definitions**

The following definitions apply throughout this document, unless the context otherwise requires:

"£" or "sterling" pounds sterling and "penny" shall mean one one-hundredth of one

pound sterling

"€" or "euro" the lawful currency of the European Monetary Union and "eurocent"

or "c" shall mean one one-hundredth of one euro

"1963 Act" the Companies Act, 1963 of Ireland (as amended)

"Admission" the admission to the Official List and admission to trading on the

London Stock Exchange of the ParthusCeva Shares becoming effective by the decision of the UK Listing Authority to admit such shares to listing being announced in accordance with paragraph 7.1 of the Listing Rules and by the decision of the London Stock Exchange to admit such shares to trading being announced in accordance with

London Stock Exchange Admission Standards

**"Board"** the board of directors of Ceva

"Capital Reduction" the cancellation by Parthus of its Share Capital, as set out in the

Scheme

"Capital Repayment" the repayment of capital in an aggregate amount of US\$60 million

(approximately €61.2 million or £39.2 million) by Parthus to Parthus

Shareholders

"Ceva, Inc., a Delaware corporation, which will change its name to

ParthusCeva, Inc. prior to the Effective Date

"Combination Agreement" the combination agreement dated 4 April 2002 by and among Parthus,

DSPG and Ceva

"Combination" the combination of Parthus and Ceva, as described in this document,

the terms of which are contained in the Combination Agreement

"Court Meetings" the meetings of holders of Parthus Shares and Parthus Options

convened by the direction of the High Court in connection with the Scheme, pursuant to section 201 of the 1963 Act, including any

adjournments thereof

"Directors" the directors of Ceva, as detailed on page ii of this document

"DSPG" DSP Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation

"DSPGL" DSP Group, Ltd, a subsidiary of DSPG

"Effective Date" the date of the registration by the Companies Registration Office,

Dublin of the Final Court Order(s) and the minute approved by the

High Court of Ireland confirming the Capital Reduction

"Enlarged Group" means the Company and its subsidiaries immediately following

completion of the Combination

"Extraordinary General Meeting" the extraordinary general meeting of Parthus including any

adjournment thereof

"Final Court Order(s)" the Order and the final order by the High Court sanctioning (i) the

Scheme and (ii) the Capital Reduction under sections 72 and 201 of

the 1963 Act

"Goldman Sachs" Goldman Sachs International

"Hearing Date" the date on which the Final Court Order(s) is/are made

"High Court" the High Court of Ireland

"Ireland" the Republic of Ireland and "Irish" shall be construed accordingly.

"IRS" the US Internal Revenue Service "London Stock Exchange" the London Stock Exchange plc "Morgan Stanley" Morgan Stanley & Co. Limited "Nasdaq" The Nasdaq National Market, Inc. "Official List" the official list of the UK Listing Authority "Parthus" Parthus Technologies plc "Parthus ADSs" American Depositary Shares, each representing 10 Parthus Shares and evidenced by Parthus American Depositary Receipts "Parthus ADS holders" holders of Parthus ADSs "ParthusCeva" or the "Company" Ceva (to be renamed ParthusCeva, Inc. prior to the Effective Date) "ParthusCeva Shares" the shares of common stock, US\$0.001 par value per share, of ParthusCeva "Parthus Directors" the directors of Parthus "Parthus Meetings" the Court Meeting and the Extraordinary General Meeting "Parthus Group" Parthus and its subsidiaries "Parthus Options" options over Parthus Shares and/or Parthus ADSs granted pursuant to the Parthus Share Schemes "Parthus Share Schemes" the Parthus 2000 Share Option Plan and the Parthus-Chicory Systems, Inc. 1999 Employee Stock Option/Stock Issuance Plan, as amended "Parthus Shareholders" holders of Parthus Shares "Parthus Shares" ordinary shares of 0.03c each in the capital of Parthus "Proposed Directors" the proposed directors of the Company, as detailed on page ii of this document "Prospectus" the prospectus of Ceva which forms part of a registration statement on Form S-1 under the US Securities Act relating to the Separation and the Combination "Scheme" the proposed scheme of arrangement under section 201 of the 1963 Act between Parthus and the Parthus Shareholders and holders of Parthus Options, or with any modification, addition or condition approved or imposed by the High Court the contribution of the Ceva Business to the Ceva Group by the DSPG "Separation" Group and the distribution by DSPG of all outstanding shares of Ceva to the Stockholders of DSPG "subsidiary undertaking" a subsidiary undertaking as that term is defined for the purpose of Regulation 4(1) of the European Communities (Companies: Group Accounts) Regulations, 1992 of Ireland "UK Listing Authority" the Financial Services Authority Limited acting in its capacity as the competent authority for listing in the United Kingdom under Part VI of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 "United Kingdom" or "UK" the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland "United States" or "US" the United States of America and its territories and possessions and any other areas subject to its jurisdiction "US Securities Act" the US Securities Act of 1933 "US\$" or "US dollars" United States dollars and "US cent" shall mean one one-hundredth of one US dollar

#### Glossary of technical terms "Bluetooth" a technology specification for a low cost, short range audio link between mobile phones, lap top computers and other portable devices "core" a block of intellectual property that is used in the design and production of an integrated circuit; especially, a reusable block of such IP that can easily be inserted into a larger design. "DSP" digital signal processing; a variety of techniques specialised computer circuits use to perform rapid and complex operations on digital information, especially the processing audio and video signals "GPS" global positioning system; a system of satellites for identifying earth locations. By triangulation of signals from three of the satellites, a receiving unit can pinpoint its current location anywhere on earth to within a few metres "integrated circuit" a single semiconductor chip on which thousands or millions of transistors are combined "ТР" intellectual property "MP3" MPEG Audio Layer 3; an audio compression technology. MP3 uses perceptual audio coding to compress CD-quality sound by a factor of 12, while providing almost the same fidelity original equipment manufacturer; a manufacturer that sells equipment "OEM" to a reseller for re-branding or re-packaging "semiconductor" generic name for devices such as transistors and integrated circuits that can control the flow of electrical signals "transistor" the basic building block of modern semiconductor microelectronics; a transistor regulates current flow or voltage and acts as a switch or gate for electronic signals

"W-CDMA"

wideband code division multiple access; the proposed European standard for third-generation mobile networks

#### SECTION II — PROSPECTUS

#### PROSPECTUS RELATING TO THE SEPARATION OF CEVA, INC. FROM DSP GROUP, INC. AND COMBINATION OF CEVA, INC. WITH PARTHUS TECHNOLOGIES PLC

#### **Common Stock**

(par value \$0.001 per share)

This prospectus is being furnished in connection with (i) the pro rata distribution by DSP Group, Inc. to its stockholders of all outstanding shares of common stock of Ceva, Inc. in connection with the separation of Ceva from DSP Group, and (ii) the subsequent combination of Parthus Technologies plc with Ceva and the issuance of ParthusCeva's common stock to the former Parthus shareholders.

Immediately following the distribution described above, pursuant to the terms and conditions of a Combination Agreement dated as of April 4, 2002, by and among DSP Group, Ceva and Parthus, as amended, Parthus combined with Ceva and Ceva changed its name to ParthusCeva, Inc. The combination was effected as a scheme of arrangement under the laws of the Republic of Ireland. The existing shares of Parthus were cancelled and the existing Parthus shareholders received one share of ParthusCeva's common stock for every

Parthus ordinary shares held by them.

Prior to the separation, no public market existed for ParthusCeva's common stock. ParthusCeva has filed applications to list its common stock on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "PCVA" and on the London Stock Exchange under the symbol "PCV."

In reviewing this prospectus, you should carefully consider the matters described under the caption "Risk Factors" beginning on page 7.

DSP Group, as the sole stockholder of Ceva, approved the transactions entered into by Ceva relating to the separation and combination. DSP Group stockholder approval of the separation and combination is not required or sought. This prospectus is first being mailed to holders of record of DSP Group's common stock on , 2002.

This prospectus is not an offer to sell, or a solicitation of an offer to buy, any securities of ParthusCeva.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any other regulatory body has approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the accuracy or adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this document. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with the information that is different. This document may only be used where it is legal to distribute these securities.

#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

The following is a summary of some of the information contained in this prospectus. We urge you to read the entire prospectus carefully, especially the risks associated with our business discussed under "Risk Factors" and our financial statements.

Except for our historical financial statements or as otherwise indicated, we describe in this prospectus the business contributed to us by DSP Group, Inc. (see "Separation of DSP Cores Licensing Business from DSP Group"), and the business acquired by us in the combination with Parthus (see "Combination with Parthus Technologies plc") as if they had been operated by ParthusCeva for all periods presented herein. We are an independent public company, and DSP Group has no continuing stock ownership in us. Accordingly, our historical financial results as part of DSP Group may not reflect our financial results in the future as an independent company or what our financial results would have been had we been a stand-alone company during the periods presented herein.

#### **Our Business**

ParthusCeva licenses to semiconductor companies and electronic equipment manufacturers (also known as original equipment manufacturers, or OEMs) complete, integrated intellectual property (IP) solutions that enable a wide variety of electronic devices. Our programmable digital signal processing (DSP) cores and application-level IP platforms power handheld wireless devices, global positioning system (GPS) devices, consumer audio products, automotive applications and a range of other consumer products. We intend to license complete system solutions consisting of our IP platforms built around our DSP cores technology, while also continuing to license our DSP cores and IP platforms as stand-alone offerings. ParthusCeva was formed in 2002 through the combination of Ceva, the former DSP cores licensing business of DSP Group, founded in 1991, and Parthus, a provider of platform-level IP for the consumer electronics market, founded in 1993.

Our DSP cores licensing business (formerly the business of Ceva) develops and licenses designs of programmable DSP cores and DSP core-based sub-systems. A programmable DSP core is a special-purpose, software-controlled processor that, through complex mathematical calculations, analyzes, manipulates and enhances digital voice, audio and video signals. Chips incorporating these core designs as their central processor are used in a wide variety of electronic devices, including digital cellular telephones, modems, hard disk drive controllers, MP3 players, voice over packet products and digital cameras, and are critical to the performance of the electronic products in which they are used. A DSP core-based sub-system incorporates additional hardware blocks required as interfaces from the DSP core for the overall system.

Our platform-level IP business (formerly the business of Parthus) develops semiconductor intellectual property for a range of consumer electronic products and licenses this technology to semiconductor manufacturers and OEMs. Our portfolio of IP platforms spans major broadband and local area wireless connectivity technologies as well as key application IP including multimedia, location and smartphone/handheld technologies. The intellectual property we license can take the form of schematics and designs for silicon chips and circuitry and software to perform particular functions on those chips. In addition, we also sell finished modules (which we refer to as Hard IP) to these customers.

#### Strategy

Our goal is to become the leading licensor of programmable DSP cores and platform-level IP solutions. In particular, we seek to establish our DSP core technology and IP solutions as the standards for high-volume and emerging applications. To meet these goals we intend to:

• **Provide an integrated solution.** We seek to maximize our competitive advantage by focusing on providing integrated solutions, both for our programmable DSP cores and our application-level IP platforms, and we intend to continue to invest in the development of technology for complete systems.

- Enhance our expertise. We seek to maximize our expertise in DSP, analog, mixed-signal and related software technology, and to capitalize on that expertise to address critical customer demands. We intend to enhance our existing DSP cores and IP platforms with additional features and performance, while developing new offerings that will focus on other emerging applications across the range of end markets we serve.
- Target top-tier customers. We seek to strengthen relationships and expand licensing and royalty arrangements with our existing customers and to extend our customer base with other key industry companies in order to facilitate the development of our technology. We believe that we can achieve the best results by targeting our sales and marketing activities at high-volume semiconductor companies and leading OEMs with a track record of successful end-user deployments. Parthus and Ceva together have entered into license agreements with nine of the top ten semiconductor companies worldwide.
- Focus on large and fast-growing markets. We believe that our expertise in programmable DSP cores and platform-level IP allows us to target fast-growing segments within the consumer electronics market, such as wireless communications, mobile computing, automotive electronics, and consumer entertainment. We intend to strengthen our relationships and expand licensing and royalty arrangements with customers in those markets and to extend our customer base with key industry leaders within each of those segments.
- Take advantage of the industry shift towards open-standard architectures. We believe that the industries in which we compete are moving away from proprietary IP solutions towards open-standard architectures, and that this trend creates an opportunity for providers of licensable DSP cores and platform-level IP. As a consequence, we intend to use our expertise to create leading products and services in critical open standards fields, such as Bluetooth, GPS and multimedia, to position ourselves to take advantage of this trend. We also participate in the development of industry standards in these and other emerging technology areas.
- Focus on a portfolio approach to the licensing of our IP platforms. We seek to differentiate ourselves through the breadth of our IP offerings and our ability to integrate these offerings into a single solution built around our family of state-of-the-art DSP cores. In tandem with targeting top-tier customers, we intend to focus on offering a variety of solutions. Our product architecture is designed to allow multiple platforms to reside on the same piece of silicon, significantly reducing the cost and complexity of integration while simultaneously improving power dissipation and time to market for next-generation devices. This approach enables our customers to develop product solutions for next-generation devices that incorporate multiple functions. This approach will also provide our customers with the benefits of "one-stop shopping" and a technology roadmap for the next generation of multifunctional devices.
- Establish, maintain and expand relationships with key technology providers. We have established and seek to expand our close working relationships with:
  - contract semiconductor companies, usually referred to as silicon foundries, in order to assure
    adequate supplies of chips for our customers who purchase our technology in chip form and in order
    to give OEMs a means of obtaining competitive manufacturing capabilities;
  - third-party suppliers of block-level semiconductor IP, in order to have access to their most current technologies; and
  - developers of both application-level and system-level software so that we can continue to offer complete platform solutions.

In addition, we have and seek to expand our relationships with companies that offer complementary technologies for designing system-on-a-chip applications based on our DSP core designs. We believe that these relationships will increase the markets for our products.

#### Separation of the DSP Cores Licensing Business from DSP Group

Ceva, Inc. was formed as a Delaware corporation and wholly-owned subsidiary of DSP Group in November 1999. The separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group, including the transfer of related assets, liabilities and intellectual property rights, was completed in , 2002.

We believe that we will realize the following benefits by separating from DSP Group:

- We will be able to focus on developing our business and pursuing strategic opportunities in the licensing of technology to third parties, increase our research and development efforts, better target our markets, and focus our sales and support infrastructures in different markets than those of DSP Group.
- As a stand-alone, independent company, our management will be able to devote time and energy exclusively to our business.
- We plan to make our technology accessible to all potential users, free of competitive considerations faced by DSP Group.
- Our employees will be motivated by incentive compensation programs tied to the market performance of our common stock.
- As a more focused company, we expect to be able to make decisions more quickly, deploy resources more rapidly and efficiently and enhance our responsiveness to customers and partners.
- We expect to have direct access to the capital markets to issue debt or equity securities and to grow through acquisitions.

#### Combination of Parthus and Ceva

In , 2002, Parthus and Ceva combined their businesses under the terms and conditions of a Combination Agreement, dated as of April 4, 2002, as amended, by and among DSP Group, Ceva and Parthus. As part of the combination, Ceva changed its name to ParthusCeva, Inc., and Parthus became a wholly-owned subsidiary of ParthusCeva. Pursuant to arms-length negotiations between DSP Group and Parthus, and as set forth in the Combination Agreement, immediately following the separation and combination, approximately 50.1% of the outstanding shares of common stock of ParthusCeva were held by the stockholders of DSP Group, and approximately 49.9% were held by the former shareholders of Parthus.

Our principal headquarters are located at 2033 Gateway Place, Suite 150, San Jose, CA 95110-1002, and our telephone number at this location is +1-408-514-2900.

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### **Summary Historical Consolidated Financial Data of Ceva**

The following table presents summary historical consolidated financial data of Ceva, giving effect to the transfer of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group to Ceva as if this business had operated as a separate entity throughout the relevant periods. This information should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. This summary historical consolidated financial data is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the operating results or financial position that would have been achieved had the separation been consummated as of the dates indicated or that may be achieved in the future.

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	(U.S. Dollars in thousands)	
Consolidated Statement of Income Data:		
Revenues	\$25,244	\$8,682
Gross profit	23,993	8,066
Operating expenses	10,845	6,064
Operating income	13,148	2,002
Net income	\$10,355	\$1,510
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		June 30, 2002
		(U.S. Dollars in thousands)
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:		
Working capital		\$ 6,055
Total assets		14,544
Total stockholders' equity and Parent company investment		\$ 8,738

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and other materials filed or to be filed by ParthusCeva with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as information included in oral statements or other written statements made or to be made by ParthusCeva, contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are not historical facts but rather are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry, our beliefs and assumptions. We use words such as "anticipate," "expect," "intend," "plan," "believe," "seek," "estimate" and variations of these words and similar expressions to identify forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to certain risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond our control, are difficult to predict and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in the forward-looking statements. These risks and uncertainties include those described in "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which reflect our view only as of the date of this prospectus.

#### RISK FACTORS

You should carefully consider each of the following risks and uncertainties associated with our company and ownership of our common stock, as well as all other information set forth in this prospectus. Holding our common stock involves risk. The occurrence of any of the following risks could materially and adversely affect our business, financial condition and operating results, which could result in a decline in the trading price of our common stock.

### RISKS RELATING TO THE SEPARATION OF OUR DSP CORES LICENSING BUSINESS FROM DSP GROUP

We may have potential business conflicts of interest with DSP Group with respect to our past and ongoing relationships and we may not be able to resolve these conflicts on terms that are most favorable to us.

Conflicts of interest may arise between DSP Group and us in a number of areas relating to our past and ongoing relationships, including:

- labor, tax, employee benefit, indemnification and other matters arising from our separation from DSP Group;
- · intellectual property matters;
- employee retention and recruiting;
- · the nature, quality and pricing of transitional services DSP Group has agreed to provide us; and
- business opportunities that may be attractive to both DSP Group and us.

We may not be able to resolve any of the potential conflicts of interest discussed above, and even if we do, the resolution may be less favorable than if we were dealing with an unaffiliated party. Under the separation agreement, DSP Group has agreed not to compete with us for a period of five years in the business of developing and licensing designs for programmable digital signal processor cores, and we have agreed not to compete with DSP Group in the business of designing, manufacturing and marketing high performance digital signal processor-based integrated circuit devices for integrated digital cordless telephones and voice-over broadband products for a period of five years.

We currently use DSP Group's operational, administrative and technical infrastructure and if these services are not sufficient to meet our needs or if we are not able to replace these services, we may be unable to manage critical operational functions of our business.

Pursuant to our transition services agreements, DSP Group and its subsidiaries have agreed to provide us and our subsidiaries with certain general and administrative services, including management and information services and network, hardware and software maintenance and support.

In addition, DSP Group, Ltd. has assigned to us a lease covering the facilities we will occupy in Herzeliya, Israel. We also use a portion of DSP Group's Santa Clara, California facilities under the transition services agreements referred to above.

The transition services agreements provide that DSP Group and its subsidiaries will continue to provide these services to us in exchange for fees payable by us to DSP Group and its subsidiaries until terminated in accordance with their terms. Although those entities are contractually obligated to provide us with these services, these services may not be provided at the same level as when we were part of DSP Group, and we may not be able to obtain the same benefits. In addition, we cannot assure you that during the initial terms of the transition services agreements, the quality of services and level of responsiveness will meet our needs. If we are unable to obtain sufficient quality of these services or replace these services which are not effectively provided, our business and results of operations could be harmed.

After the initial terms of the transition services agreements, we will need to either extend the term of these agreements, engage others to perform these services or perform these services internally. We cannot assure you that DSP Group or its subsidiaries will continue to provide us with these services after the initial terms of the transition services agreements, that the quality of services and level of responsiveness will meet our needs or that the cost of these services will not be significantly higher if we purchase them from unaffiliated providers or employ staff to handle them internally.

Although agreed in the context of arms-length negotiations between DSP Group and Parthus in connection with the combination, the transition services agreements were entered into in the context of a parent-subsidiary relationship with DSP Group. As a result, the prices charged to us under these transition services agreements may be lower than the prices that we may be required to pay third parties for similar services or the costs of similar services if we undertake them ourselves. If we fail to find replacements for these services in a timely fashion, or if we are not able to replace them on favorable terms, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be harmed.

For a more detailed description of the services provided to us by DSP Group and certain of its subsidiaries, please see "Separation of DSP Cores Licensing Business from DSP Group."

#### Restrictions on our ability to issue stock and take certain other actions could inhibit our growth.

The restrictions in the separation agreement on issuances of our capital stock and other specified actions by us during the one-year period following the distribution, or the liquidation, disposition or discontinuation of the DSP cores licensing business during the two-year period following the distribution, and the requirement that we indemnify DSP Group if we do not comply with these restrictions, could limit our ability to grow our business and compete effectively during the period following the distribution. In addition, these restrictions and indemnification obligations could make us a less attractive acquisition or merger candidate during this period.

#### We could be subject to joint and several liability for taxes of DSP Group.

As a former member of a group filing consolidated income tax returns with DSP Group, we could be liable for federal income taxes of DSP Group and other members of the consolidated group, including taxes, if any, incurred by DSP Group on the distribution of our stock to the stockholders of DSP Group. DSP Group has agreed to indemnify us against these taxes, other than taxes for which we have agreed to indemnify DSP Group pursuant to the terms of the tax indemnification and allocation agreement and separation agreement we entered into with DSP Group.

### Our historical financial information may not be representative of our results as a separate company.

Ceva's historical consolidated financial statements have been carved out from the consolidated financial statements of DSP Group using the historical results of operations and historical bases of the assets and liabilities of the DSP cores licensing business. Accordingly, the historical financial information we have included in this prospectus does not necessarily reflect what our financial position, results of operations and cash flows would have been had this business operated as a separate, stand-alone entity during the periods presented. DSP Group did not account for us, and we did not operate, as a separate, stand-alone entity for the periods presented. Our costs and expenses include allocations from DSP Group for centralized corporate services and infrastructure costs, including accounting and legal, research and development, sales and marketing, and general administration costs. These allocations have been determined on bases that we and DSP Group consider to reasonably reflect the utilization of services provided to us or the benefit we received. In addition, because the Ceva financial statements included herein relate to a period ending several months prior to the separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group, the balances of assets and liabilities transferred in the separation will be subject to change between the date of the financial statements and the separation.

The historical financial information for Ceva and Parthus presented herein is not necessarily indicative of what our results of operations, financial position and cash flows will be in the future. We have not made adjustments to either company's historical financial information to reflect the significant changes in the cost structure, funding and operations which will result from the separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group and the combination with Parthus, potentially including increased costs associated with reduced economies of scale, increased marketing expenses related to building our brand and increased costs associated with being a stand-alone, publicly traded company. If our actual results differ significantly from these estimates, our stock price could be harmed.

# Some of our directors and executive officers may have conflicts of interest because of their ownership of DSP Group's common stock.

Some of our directors and executive officers, including Eliyahu Ayalon, the Chairman of our board of directors and who will remain as Chairman of the board of directors of DSP Group, Gideon Wertheizer, our Executive Vice President—Business Development and Chief Technology Officer, Issachar Ohana, our Vice President and General Manager of the DSP Intellectual Property Licensing Division and Bat-Sheva Ovadia, our Chief Scientist—DSP Technologies, will continue to hold a significant number of shares of DSP Group's common stock and options to purchase shares of DSP Group's common stock. Ownership of DSP Group's common stock by certain of our directors and executive officers after our separation from DSP Group could create, or appear to create, conflicts of interest when they are faced with decisions that could have different implications for DSP Group and us.

With respect to Eliyahu Ayalon, the Chairman of our board of directors, to limit conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflicts, Delaware corporate law provides that transactions between a corporation and interested directors can be voided by the corporation if the interested director's vote is counted for approval of the transaction unless there is either (i) disclosure of the conflict to the board and the transaction is approved by a majority of the disinterested directors, or (ii) there is disclosure to the stockholders of the transaction who then approve the transaction, or (iii) a court determines, in the event the transaction is challenged, that the transaction is fair to the corporation. Accordingly, any transaction between DSP Group and ParthusCeva considered by the board of directors will be subject to these requirements.

#### RISKS RELATING TO THE DISTRIBUTION

### We have agreed to indemnify DSP Group if certain of our actions or Parthus' actions cause the distribution to be taxable to DSP Group.

DSP Group has received a private letter ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service to the effect that, among other things, the distribution of our stock to the DSP Group stockholders will be tax-free under Section 355 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and that the receipt of shares of our common stock in the distribution will not result in the recognition of income, gain or loss to stockholders of DSP Group for federal income tax purposes, except with respect to cash received in lieu of fractional shares. The continuing validity of this ruling is subject to factual representations and assumptions made in the private letter ruling request. We are not currently aware of any facts or circumstances which would cause these representations and assumptions to be untrue.

Notwithstanding the receipt of this private letter ruling, if we and/or DSP Group engage in certain activities, the distribution may become taxable to DSP Group and possibly to its stockholders. For example, it is possible that even a small issuance of our capital stock, when combined with the 49.9% of our capital stock issued to shareholders of Parthus in the combination, may cause the distribution to be taxable.

The separation agreement generally provides that we will not issue capital stock or take other specified actions during the one-year period following the distribution, or liquidate, dispose of, discontinue or take similar

actions with respect to the DSP cores licensing business during the two-year period following the distribution, unless either DSP Group consents to the action, or we receive a supplemental ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or an opinion of tax counsel satisfactory to DSP Group providing that the action will not cause the distribution to be taxable to either DSP Group or to its stockholders.

If we make such an issuance or take any other prohibited actions without complying with the terms of the separation agreement, we will be required to indemnify DSP Group for any resulting tax liability.

We also have agreed to indemnify DSP Group for any tax liability of DSP Group to the extent that the liability results from the inaccuracy of any factual information provided or representation made by Parthus, or by us after the distribution, in the application for rulings filed with the Internal Revenue Service or in connection with any tax opinion regarding the separation and distribution.

If the distribution were rendered taxable to DSP Group and its stockholders, then:

- corporate-level taxable gain would be recognized by DSP Group in an amount equal to the difference between the market value of the Ceva's common stock at the time of distribution to the DSP Group stockholders and DSP Group's basis in that stock (and the tax would be determined by multiplying such gain by DSP Group's net effective tax rate at the time of the distribution (currently approximately 38%)); and
- each holder of DSP Group's common stock who received shares of our common stock in the distribution would be treated as having received a dividend taxable as ordinary income in an amount equal to the fair market value of our common stock received (assuming that DSP Group had sufficient current or accumulated "earnings and profits"). Dividends paid to holders that are U.S. corporations may be eligible for the dividends received deduction. For certain holders of DSP Group common stock mainly non-U.S. stockholders the dividend may be subject to withholding at a rate of 30%, or less if there is a lower rate under an applicable treaty. To the extent the distribution exceeds a DSP Group stockholder's ratable portion of the current or accumulated earnings and profits of DSP Group, such distribution would be a non-taxable return of capital to the extent of the basis in such stockholder's DSP Group common stock, and capital gain (if the DSP Group common stock is held by the stockholder as a capital asset) to the extent the amount distributed exceeds such basis.

This discussion is not intended to be a complete analysis or description of all potential tax consequences of the distribution under U.S. federal income tax law if the distribution were rendered taxable to DSP Group and its stockholders, and does not address state, local or foreign tax laws. In addition, stockholders may be subject to special treatment under U.S. federal income tax law as a result of their individual circumstances. Accordingly, all stockholders should consult their own tax advisers concerning the tax effects to them of the distribution.

### The distribution could adversely affect the aggregate value of an existing investment in DSP Group's common stock.

Following the separation and distribution, the value of our common stock and DSP Group's common stock will not necessarily be related. The combined value of our common stock and DSP Group's common stock after the separation and distribution may be less than the trading price of DSP Group's common stock immediately before the separation and distribution. As a result of the separation and distribution, the trading price range of DSP Group's common stock immediately before the separation and distribution.

#### RISKS RELATING TO THE COMBINATION OF PARTHUS AND CEVA

You should not consider any particular information in this prospectus, in published news reports, or any published financial targets, without carefully evaluating the risks and other information contained in this prospectus.

During April and July 2002, articles appeared in the Irish and the U.K. press regarding the combination, including statements that ParthusCeva's target for revenues in 2003 is approximately \$75-\$80 million with targeted profits between \$17-\$18 million. These stories also noted that the combined company's current strategic goal is to achieve operating margins of approximately 20% in 2003. You should be aware that these targets are forward looking statements that are necessarily speculative in nature and it can be anticipated that one or more of the estimates or assumptions upon which the published projections were based will not materialize, or will vary significantly from actual results, and that these variances will likely increase over time. In addition, the financial and business targets appearing or reflected in these articles were based on information available in April 2002, and have not been updated for any subsequently available information, including the continued worldwide slowdown in the semiconductor industry and significant depression in share equity values. In light of these subsequent developments, we currently do not endorse such targets and note that our actual results will vary from such targets, and those variations are likely to be material.

# A number of factors could impair our ability to successfully integrate the businesses of Parthus and Ceva, and thereby harm the combined company's business, financial condition and operating results.

We must integrate the operations of Ceva and Parthus, each of which has previously operated independently of the other. We cannot assure you that we will be able to successfully integrate these businesses in a timely and efficient manner, if at all. To integrate operations, we will need to focus on a number of key tasks, including:

- retaining and integrating management, engineering and other key employees of each of Ceva and Parthus;
- retaining existing customers, suppliers, distributors, licensees, vendors and others that have historically done business with Ceva or Parthus;
- integrating sales efforts so that customers can do business easily with the combined company; and
- preventing delays in ongoing research and development activities to permit efficient time-to-market introductions and time-to-volume production for acquired products and new technologies.

We may face difficulties in effecting the successful integration of these businesses, including the following:

- impairment and/or loss of relationships with employees, customers, suppliers, distributors, licensees, vendors and others that have historically done business with Ceva or Parthus;
- adverse financial results associated with integration of the two businesses, including unanticipated expenses related to the integration and deployment of acquired technologies; and
- disruption of our business and distraction of our management.

In addition, the anticipated benefits of the combination may not be realized because, among other reasons:

- ParthusCeva's technology may not be as robust as expected or may not achieve the expected performance, features or product yield;
- ParthusCeva's intellectual property, including its patent portfolio, may not be as valuable as expected;
- the value of the combination may not be accretive.

We may not succeed in addressing these risks. Further, we cannot assure you that our growth rate will equal the historical growth rates experienced by Ceva or Parthus.

# The integration of Parthus and Ceva, as well as any future acquisitions or strategic investments, could interrupt our business and our financial condition could be harmed.

The integration of Parthus and Ceva and any future acquisitions or strategic investments may entail numerous risks, including the following:

- difficulties integrating acquired operations, personnel, technologies or products;
- diversion of management's focus from our core business concerns;
- write-offs related to acquired assets, including write-offs related to impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets; and
- dilution to existing stockholders and earnings per share.

Any such difficulties encountered as a result of the integration of Parthus and Ceva or any future acquisitions or strategic investments could adversely affect our business, operating results and financial condition. In July 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," which requires that goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite useful lives no longer be amortized, but instead be tested for impairment annually, or more frequently when events or circumstances occur indicating that goodwill might be impaired. If we determine through the impairment review process that goodwill has been impaired, we will record the impairment charge in our statement of operations. Any future write-off of goodwill or intangible assets could be significant and would likely have an adverse impact on our reported operating results. As a result, the market price of ParthusCeva's common stock could be significantly and adversely affected.

# In connection with the combination, we expect to write off substantial acquired in-process research and development, which may adversely affect our stock price.

The amount of excess cost attributable to in-process research and development of Parthus is estimated to be approximately \$16.5 million. This in-process research and development was not considered to have reached technological feasibility and had no alternative or future use and, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the value of such in-process research and development will be expensed by ParthusCeva. This amount will be recorded as part of ParthusCeva's research and development expense in the fiscal quarter during which the combination is consummated. This write-off will reduce ParthusCeva's net income, negatively impact ParthusCeva's results of operations and reduce ParthusCeva's earnings per share for that fiscal quarter. As a result, ParthusCeva's stock price could be significantly and adversely affected.

#### Employee uncertainty related to the combination could harm the combined company.

Former Ceva and Parthus employees may experience uncertainty about their future roles with the combined company until or after strategies for ParthusCeva are implemented and may terminate their respective employment relationships as a result of the combination. In addition, we may streamline our operations to achieve cost savings or in response to general economic conditions. We cannot assure you that any such efforts will be properly tailored or will achieve the cost savings and other benefits we want. Employee uncertainty may adversely affect our ability to attract and retain employees necessary to implement our strategies and may disrupt our operations.

#### RISKS RELATING TO THE PARTHUSCEVA BUSINESS

### We may not be successful in licensing integrated, system-level solutions.

We intend to offer our application-level IP platforms built around our DSP cores, as well as to continue to offer our DSP cores and IP platforms on a stand-alone basis, as Ceva and Parthus, respectively, have done in the past. We have no experience in offering DSP cores and IP platforms as an integrated solution, and may not be successful in obtaining licensees for these integrated solutions. Any licenses for these integrated solutions may be on terms less favorable than we currently anticipate.

We may be required to invest substantial resources, including to support additional sales and marketing efforts and to fund additional research and development expenditures, to attract customers and improve the technologies for our integrated solutions. We cannot assure you that any increased expenditure related to the offering of our integrated solutions will generate a corresponding return for our business.

We rely significantly on revenue derived from a small number of licensees and customers and the success of the products they introduce, and our business and results of operations may be materially harmed if we do not continue to obtain agreements with new customers or expand our relationships with existing and former customers.

We expect that a limited number of licensees and customers will account for a substantial portion of our revenues in any period. For example, two DSP core licensees generated more than 58% of Ceva's revenues in the second quarter of 2002 with revenues from one licensee accounting for 35%. Similarly, 68%, 39% and 31% of Parthus' annual revenues in 1999, 2000 and 2001, respectively, were derived from a single customer, STMicroelectronics. We expect to continue to derive a significant portion of our revenue from a small number of licensees and customers in the future.

Moreover, we anticipate that we will depend upon new license agreements and purchase orders to generate revenues for future quarters because, historically, Ceva's license agreements have not generally provided for substantial ongoing license payments, although they may provide for royalties based on product shipments. Therefore, significant portions of our anticipated future revenue will likely depend upon our success in attracting new customers or expanding our relationships with existing and former customers. Our ability to attract new customers and expand our relationships with existing and former customers will depend on a variety of factors, including the performance, quality, breadth and depth of our current and future products. Our failure to obtain agreements with these customers will impede our future revenue growth.

In addition, our unit royalties from licenses are totally dependent upon the success of our licensees in introducing products incorporating our technology and the success of those products in the marketplace. If we do not retain our current licensees and customers and continue to attract new licensees and customers, our business may be harmed.

# Our quarterly operating results will fluctuate due to a variety of factors and are not a meaningful indicator of future quarterly performance.

The operating results of each of Ceva's DSP cores licensing business and Parthus' IP platforms licensing business have fluctuated from quarter to quarter in the past, and our operating results as a combined company may continue to do so in the future. As a result, it is possible that in some quarters, ParthusCeva's operating results could be below the expectations of securities analysts and investors, which could cause our stock price to fall. Factors that may affect our results of operations in the future include, among other things:

- · timely introduction, demand and market acceptance of new or enhanced products;
- new product announcements and introductions by competitors;
- supply constraints for and changes in the cost of components incorporated in our products;
- timing and volume of orders and production;
- gain or loss of significant customers, licensees, distributors and suppliers; and
- changes in our pricing policies and those of our competitors and suppliers.

Parthus is currently implementing a reduction in workforce in connection with the streamlining of two product lines. The reduction in workforce and realignment of resources is expected to result in the incurrence of a one off restructuring charge during Parthus' third quarter of fiscal 2002 in the region of US\$3 million. However, there can be no assurance that the restructuring charge will not exceed that amount.

ParthusCeva's operating results will also be affected by general economic and other conditions affecting the timing of customer orders and capital spending. Unfavorable general economic conditions have harmed Ceva's DSP cores licensing business and Parthus' IP platforms licensing business in the past and may continue to harm our business in the future.

# Seasonal trends may cause our quarterly operating results to fluctuate, which may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Historically, there have been seasonal variations in the operating results of our DSP cores licensing business. Typically this business has generated more licensing revenues in the last quarter of the fiscal year, which we believe may be due to our licensees' desire to exhaust their year-end budgets, as well as prepare for the next year's new design trends. These seasonal trends may cause ParthusCeva's operating results to fluctuate, which may have an adverse effect on our stock price.

#### We depend on market acceptance of third-party semiconductor intellectual property.

In recent years, both the manufacturing processes and the complexity of semiconductor chips have advanced significantly, requiring chip manufacturers to either devote the substantial resources required to develop all of the components found in many of today's complex chips, or outsource some of these functions to third parties. Due to a lack of qualified personnel, many semiconductor designers and manufacturers are increasingly licensing from third parties proven re-useable intellectual property components, such as DSP cores, general purpose processors, memory technologies and logic blocks. Our programmable DSP technology is part of a relatively young and evolving market for third-party semiconductor intellectual property (SIP). Our future growth will depend on the level of acceptance by the market of this intellectual property concept and the variety of intellectual property offerings available on the market, which to a large extent are not in our control. If the market shifts and third-party SIP is no longer desired by our customers, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially harmed.

# Since we do not sell our products directly to end users, we depend on the success of our licensees to promote our solutions in the marketplace.

We license our technology primarily to semiconductor companies, such as STMicroelectronics, Texas Instruments and National Semiconductor, who then incorporate our technology into the products they sell or incorporate our intellectual property with technology from other sources to produce components that they sell. We rely to a large extent on manufacturers and designers of application-specific integrated circuits (ASICs) and application-specific standard products (ASSPs) to add value to our licensed DSP cores by providing complete SmartCores-based programmable DSP solutions to meet the specific application needs of system OEMs. We believe that our licensee network is essential to improving our brand name recognition, bringing more rapid acceptance of our architectures and platforms and ensuring that there are multiple, reliable sources of products incorporating our technologies available at competitive prices. We cannot assure you that we will be able to maintain our current relationships or establish new relationships with additional licensees, and any failure by us to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business. Existing and potential licensees are not contractually obligated to use our architecture and some of them design and develop processors based on competing architectures, including their own, and others may do so in the future. None of our current semiconductor manufacturer customers is obligated to license new or future generations of our technology designs. In addition, because we do not control the business practices of our customers, we do not influence the degree to which they promote our technology or set the prices at which they sell products incorporating our technology to consumer product manufacturers. We cannot assure you that our licensees will devote satisfactory efforts to promote our solutions which is important to our business and future growth.

# We also depend significantly on system OEMs to adopt our solutions and on their success in selling products containing our technology.

Although we have licensed directly to system OEMs in the past, these companies typically purchase chips or components containing our technology from our semiconductor manufacturing licensees. As system OEMs are the creators of many of the final products containing our technology, our success is substantially dependent upon the adoption and continued use of chips containing our technology by system OEMs. We face numerous risks

because of this fact, including the potential difficulties in persuading large system OEMs to rely on our technology for their critical components, rather than developing the technology themselves or relying on competing products of more established companies with greater resources and name recognition than we have. In addition, we might face difficulties in persuading users of our technologies to bear certain development costs associated with adopting our technologies and to make other necessary investments to produce embedded processors using our technologies, and of electronic product manufacturers to incorporate our technologies into their products. We depend on electronic product manufacturers to incorporate our technology in their products, and any failure by them to do so or to successfully sell their products to end users could substantially limit our revenue growth.

We also face substantial risks which are beyond our control that influence the success or failure of our existing or potential system OEM customers, including the competition they face and the market acceptance of their products; their engineering, marketing and management capabilities and the technical challenges unrelated to our technology that they face in developing their products; and their financial and other resources. The failure of one or more of the system OEMs using our technology may have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

### If we are unable to meet the changing needs of our end-users or address evolving market demands, our business may be harmed.

The markets for programmable DSP cores and IP platforms are characterized by rapidly changing technology, emerging markets and new and developing end-user needs, requiring significant expenditure for research and development. Our future success will depend on our ability to develop enhancements to and new generations of our IP platforms and our SmartCores family of DSP cores, DSP based sub-systems and related development tools to address the requirements of specific product applications, and to introduce these new technologies in a timely manner. Our success will further depend upon our ability to successfully identify, anticipate and respond to technological changes in hardware, software and architecture, and the needs associated with emerging markets within our field. We cannot assure you that we will be able to introduce systems and solutions that reflect prevailing industry standards on a timely basis, to meet the specific technical requirements of our end-users or to avoid significant losses due to rapid decreases in market prices of our products, and our failure to do so may seriously harm our business.

# To remain competitive, we must be able to meet our needs for substantial capital, and financing from other sources may not be available on favorable terms, if at all.

We believe that success in our markets requires substantial capital in order to maintain the flexibility to take advantage of opportunities as they arise and to fund our anticipated combined research and development needs. Our capital requirements may vary greatly from quarter to quarter, depending on, among other things, capital expenditures, fluctuations in our operating results, financing activities, acquisitions and investments and receipt of receivables. In the past, capital needs for our DSP cores licensing business have been satisfied by DSP Group. However, as a result of the separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group, DSP Group will no longer provide funds to finance our working capital or other cash requirements. We believe that the existing resources of Ceva and Parthus, including existing cash and cash equivalents, and anticipated cash flows from operations, will be adequate to meet the combined company's projected working capital, capital expenditure and research and development requirements for at least the next 12 months. However, we may need to raise funds sooner if, among other things, we acquire additional businesses, products or technologies. We cannot assure you that additional financing will be available on commercially reasonable terms, if at all, which may prevent ParthusCeva from taking advantage of available opportunities. To the extent that existing resources and anticipated cash flows are not adequate for the combined company's operational and other cash needs, our operating results and financial position could be harmed. If additional funds were raised through the issuance of equity securities, your percentage ownership in ParthusCeva would be reduced. Moreover, our ability to raise funds using equity securities may be limited because the separation agreement provides that we will not issue

capital stock or take certain other actions during the one-year period following the distribution unless either DSP Group consents to the action or we receive a supplemental ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or an opinion of tax counsel satisfactory to DSP Group to the effect that the action will not cause the distribution to be taxable to either DSP Group or its stockholders. If we were to issue equity securities without fulfilling these conditions, we would be required to indemnify DSP Group if such issuance causes the distribution to be taxable to DSP Group. Similarly, future debt financings could involve restrictive covenants that may limit our ability to manage and grow our business.

### We depend on a limited number of key personnel who would be difficult to replace. If we lose the services of these individuals or cannot hire additional qualified personnel, our business will be harmed.

The success of ParthusCeva will depend to a significant extent upon our key employees and senior management. The loss of the service of these employees could materially harm us. We believe that the future success of ParthusCeva will depend in large part upon our ability to attract and retain highly skilled technical, managerial and marketing personnel. Competition for skilled employees in these fields is intense. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in attracting and retaining the required personnel. In addition, we cannot assure you that the Ceva and Parthus management teams who became part of our company as a result of the separation and the combination, or their respective employees, will remain employed by ParthusCeva, or if they remain employed, will successfully work together to build our business.

The continued growth and success of ParthusCeva will also depend on the managerial and technical skills of key technical, sales and management personnel, whose knowledge of our business and industry would be difficult to replace. In addition, although Ceva employees have executed agreements containing non-competition provisions, the enforceability of these provisions in Israel has been questioned and we cannot assure you that a court would enforce the terms of these provisions. Because of these facts, our employees could join competitors. If any of the members of ParthusCeva's senior management team, including Kevin Fielding, Gideon Wertheizer or Eoin Gilley, are unable or unwilling to continue in ParthusCeva's employ, our results of operations could be materially harmed.

# ParthusCeva's success will also depend on our ability to manage our expanding and geographically dispersed operations successfully.

Any expansion of our operations in the near future is likely to place a significant strain on our existing managerial resources and may require us to retain additional management personnel. Expansion may also require us to implement additional operating and financial controls, improve coordination among engineering and finance functions, and hire additional personnel. As part of this process, we would need to install additional reporting and management information systems for production monitoring and financial reporting. To the extent we are unable to attract additional management personnel in a timely fashion, or lose the services of our existing management personnel, our operating results and financial position could be harmed.

Although ParthusCeva will be headquartered in San Jose, California, most of our executives will be based in Dublin, Ireland and Herzeliya, Israel and most of our employees will be based in Dublin. Accordingly, our ability to compete successfully will depend in part on the ability of a limited number of key executives located in geographically dispersed offices to integrate management, address the needs of ParthusCeva's customers and respond to changes in our markets. If we are unable to effectively manage our remote operations, our business may be harmed.

# We may seek to expand our business through acquisitions that could result in diversion of resources and extra expenses, which could disrupt our business and harm our financial condition.

We may pursue acquisitions of businesses, products and technologies, or establish joint venture arrangements in the future that could expand our business. The negotiation of potential acquisitions or joint

ventures, as well as the integration of acquired or jointly developed businesses, technologies or products could cause diversion of management's time and our resources. Future acquisitions could result in:

- potential dilutive issuances of equity securities;
- the incurrence of debt and contingent liabilities;
- amortization of intangibles and impairment of goodwill;
- · research and development write-offs; and
- other acquisition-related expenses.

Acquired businesses or joint ventures may not be successfully integrated with our operations. If any acquisition or joint venture were to occur, ParthusCeva may not receive the intended benefits of the acquisition or joint venture. If future acquisitions or joint ventures disrupt our operations, or if we have difficulty integrating the businesses or technologies we acquire, our business, financial condition and results of operations could suffer.

### ParthusCeva may not be able to adequately protect its intellectual property.

ParthusCeva's success and ability to compete will depend in large part upon protecting our proprietary technologies. We will rely on a combination of patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, mask work and other intellectual property rights, confidentiality procedures and licensing arrangements to establish and protect our proprietary rights. These agreements and measures may not be sufficient to protect our technology from third-party infringement, or to protect us from the claims of others. As a result, we face risks associated with our patent position, including the potential need to engage in significant legal proceedings to enforce our patents, the possibility that the validity or enforceability of our patents may be denied, the possibility that third parties will be able to compete against us without infringing our patents and the possibility that our products may infringe patent rights of third parties.

As part of their confidentiality procedures, both Ceva's DSP cores licensing business and Parthus' IP platforms licensing business generally have entered into non-disclosure agreements with their employees, consultants and corporate partners and have attempted to control access to and distribution of their technologies, documentation and other proprietary information. We plan to continue these procedures. Despite these procedures, third parties could copy or otherwise obtain and make unauthorized use of our technologies or independently develop similar technologies. The steps Parthus and Ceva have taken and that ParthusCeva may take in the future may not prevent misappropriation of our solutions or technologies, particularly in foreign countries where laws or law enforcement practices may not protect our proprietary rights as fully as in the United States.

Effective protection of intellectual property rights may be unavailable or limited, both in the United States and in foreign countries. Patent protection throughout the world is generally established on a country-by-country basis. Ceva and Parthus have applied for patent protection for some of their technologies both inside the United States and in various countries outside the United States. However, we cannot assure you that pending patents that are being transferred and assigned to ParthusCeva will issue or that the issued patents will be valid or enforceable. We cannot assure you that the protection of our proprietary rights will be adequate or that our competitors will not independently develop similar technologies, duplicate our services or design around any patents or other intellectual property rights we hold.

Our tradenames or trademarks may be registered or utilized by third parties in countries other than those in which we have registered them, impairing our ability to enter and compete in these markets. In the United States, the trademark SmartCore has been registered by an unrelated company. While we have successfully co-existed with this other trademark holder, we cannot assure you that this state of affairs will continue. If we were forced to change any of our brand names, we could lose a significant amount of our brand equity.

If we fail to protect our intellectual property rights and proprietary technologies adequately, if there are changes in applicable laws that are adverse to our interests, or if we become involved in litigation relating to our intellectual property rights and proprietary technologies or relating to the intellectual property rights of others, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be harmed.

# Our business will suffer if we are sued for infringement of the intellectual property rights of third parties or if we cannot obtain licenses to these rights on commercially acceptable terms.

Although neither DSP Group (with respect to the DSP cores licensing business) nor Parthus was involved in any material litigation regarding its respective intellectual property prior to the combination, we will be subject to the risk of adverse claims and litigation alleging infringement of the intellectual property rights of others in the future. Many participants in the semiconductor intellectual property industry have an increasing number of patents and patent applications and have frequently demonstrated a readiness to pursue litigation based on allegations of patent and other intellectual property infringement. Our products rely on technology that could be the subject of existing patents or patent applications of third parties. There are a large number of patents held by others, including our competitors, pertaining to the broad areas in which we are active. We have not, and cannot reasonably, investigate all such patents. From time to time, we have become aware of patents in our technology areas and have sought legal counsel regarding the validity of such patents and their impact on how we operate our business, and we will continue to seek such counsel when appropriate in the future. Third parties may assert infringement claims in the future with respect to our current or future products. These claims may require us to enter into license arrangements or result in protracted and costly litigation, regardless of the merits of these claims.

Any necessary licenses may not be available or, if available, may not be obtainable on commercially reasonable terms. If we cannot obtain necessary licenses on commercially reasonable terms, we may be forced to stop licensing our technology, and our business would be seriously harmed. For additional discussion of our intellectual property and proprietary rights, see "Business—Proprietary Rights."

In any potential dispute involving our patents or other intellectual property, our licensees could also become the target of litigation. Some of our license agreements require us to provide technical support and information to a licensee who is subject to litigation involving the use of our technology. We are also generally bound to indemnify many of our licensees under the terms of their license agreements, particularly with respect to our IP platforms licensing business, and we may agree to indemnify others in the future. We could incur substantial expenses for these support and indemnification obligations. In addition to the time and expense required for us to supply support or indemnification to these licensees, their development, marketing and sales of products incorporating our technology could be severely disrupted or shut down as a result of litigation, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

# The industries in which we license our technologies are experiencing a challenging period of slow growth and have experienced and will continue to experience other cyclical effects which may negatively impact our operating results and business.

The primary customers for our products are semiconductor design and manufacturing companies, system OEMs and electronic equipment manufacturers, particularly in the telecommunications field. These industries are highly cyclical and have been subject to significant economic downturns at various times. These downturns are characterized by production overcapacity and reduced revenues, which at times may, if the downturn is sufficiently prolonged or severe, encourage semiconductor companies or electronic product manufacturers to reduce their expenditure on our technology. During 2001, the semiconductor industry as a whole experienced the most severe contraction in its history, with total semiconductor sales worldwide declining by more than 30%, according to the Semiconductor Industry Association. The market for semiconductors used in mobile communications was particularly hard hit, with the overall decline in sales worldwide estimated by Gartner Dataquest to have been well above 30%. If the market does not recover by the third quarter of 2002, our business could be materially and adversely affected. In addition, economic problems in certain regions have harmed and

may continue to negatively affect our business. For example, in recent years certain Asian countries have experienced significant economic difficulties, including currency devaluation and instability, business failures and a depressed business environment. These difficulties triggered a significant downturn in the semiconductor market, resulting in reduced budgets for our solutions which, in turn, negatively impacted our Asian activity. Our business is harmed when capital and research and development budgets of our current and potential customers are curtailed.

The slow growth of the telecommunication and semiconductor industries has resulted and may continue to result in the reduction of capital and research and development budgets or the delay of product introduction, both of which have resulted and may continue to result in a reduction in demand for our products. Our success depends on increasing demand for products that use our technology. In particular, in 2001, more than 56% of Ceva's sales of DSP cores were to chip manufacturers whose products are incorporated in or are being developed for use in digital cellular telephones. Recently there has been a downturn in the cellular handset industry. As a result, the growth rate of sales by our customers and potential customers has slowed significantly. Demand for other products that incorporate our DSP cores, such as MP3 devices, hard disk drives and voice over packet network services, has also weakened. For example, Ceva's total revenues decreased by 35% for the second quarter of 2002 as compared to the second quarter of 2001 as a result of the global economic slowdown which inhibited Ceva's ability to obtain new licensees. Continued weakening demand for digital cellular telephone and these other products will adversely affect our ability to maintain our current growth rate, and could harm our financial results

### Our failure to detect unknown defects could materially harm our relationship with customers, reputation and business.

Designs as complex as those we offer frequently contain undetected errors. Despite testing, errors may occur in existing or new designs, which could result in loss of revenue or market share, failure to achieve market acceptance, diversion of development resources, injury to our reputation, indemnification claims, litigation, increased insurance costs and increased service costs, any of which could materially harm our business. Furthermore, we often provide implementation, customization, consulting and other technical services in connection with our IP. In addition, since we typically do not control the manufacturing of products containing our technology, which are made in many different foundries chosen by our licensees, we may be blamed for their manufacturing defects. Our inability to meet customer expectations in a timely manner could also result in a loss of or delay in revenue, loss of market share, failure to achieve market acceptance, injury to our reputation, litigation and increased costs which could harm our results of operations and financial condition.

Because customers rely on our DSP core designs and IP platforms as a central part of their applications, errors in our products might discourage customers from purchasing our products. These errors could also result in product liability or warranty claims. Although we attempt to reduce the risk of losses resulting from these claims through warranty disclaimers and liability limitation clauses in our license agreements, these contractual provisions may not be enforceable or sufficient in every instance. Furthermore, although we maintain errors and omissions insurance, this insurance coverage may not adequately cover these claims. If a court refused to enforce the liability-limiting provisions of our agreements for any reason, or if liabilities arose that were not contractually limited or adequately covered by insurance, our business could be materially harmed.

# We have a very lengthy sales cycle, which increases the likelihood that our quarterly revenue will fluctuate and which may, in turn, adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Our lengthy sales cycle may also cause our revenue and operating results to vary unpredictably from period to period. The period of time between our initial contact with a potential customer and the receipt of a request for a quote on an intellectual property license is generally at least six months, and the time from such a request to a binding contract is generally at least another four to six months. Due to the complexity of our technology and of the legal framework in which our industry operates, we must devote a substantial amount of time to negotiating

the terms of our licensing arrangements with our customers. In addition, customers perform, and require us to perform, extensive process and product evaluation and testing before entering into purchase or licensing arrangements. Even after we enter into an agreement and provide a final product to a customer in the form of silicon or intellectual property, we expect that it will be at least six months more before the customer begins to sell its products incorporating our technology, and therefore even longer before we begin to receive royalty income.

Many of the milestones along the sales cycle for our IP platforms business are beyond our control and difficult to predict. This fact makes it more difficult to forecast our quarterly results and can cause substantial variations in operating results from quarter to quarter that are unrelated to the long-term trends in our business. This lack of predictability and variability in our results could harm our stock price and could significantly affect it in particular periods.

### The markets in which we operate are highly competitive, and as a result we could experience a loss of sales, lower prices and lower revenue.

The markets for the products in which our technology is used are highly competitive. Aggressive competition could result in substantial declines in the prices that we are able to charge for our intellectual property. It could also cause our existing customers to move their orders to our competitors. Many of our competitors are large companies that have significantly greater financial and other resources than we have. As a result, they may be able more quickly and effectively to:

- respond to new technologies or technical standards;
- react to changing customer requirements and expectations;
- · devote needed resources to the development, production, promotion and sale of products; or
- deliver competitive products at lower prices.

In addition, we may face increased competition from smaller, niche semiconductor design companies in the future. Some of our customers may also decide to satisfy their needs through in-house design and production. We compete on the basis of price, product quality, design cycle time, reliability, performance, customer support, name recognition and reputation and financial strength. Our inability to compete effectively on these bases could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations and financial condition.

# Terrorist attacks and threats or actual war may negatively impact all aspects of ParthusCeva's operations, revenues, costs and stock price.

Recent terrorist attacks in the United States, as well as any future events occurring in response to or in connection with them, including, without limitation, future terrorist attacks against United States targets, rumors or threats of war, actual conflicts involving the United States or its allies or military or trade disruptions impacting our domestic or foreign suppliers, may substantially negatively impact our operations. Any of these events could cause consumer confidence and spending to decrease or result in increased volatility in the United States and worldwide financial markets and economy. They also could result in economic recession in the United States or abroad. Any of these occurrences could have a significant impact on our operating results, revenues and costs.

#### RISKS RELATING TO THE DSP CORES LICENSING BUSINESS

# Our DSP cores licensing business depends on OEMs and their suppliers to obtain required complementary components.

Some of the raw materials, components and subassemblies included in the products manufactured by our OEM customers, which also incorporate our DSP cores products, are obtained from a limited group of suppliers. Supply disruptions, shortages or termination of any of these sources could have an adverse effect on the business and results of operations of our DSP cores licensing business due to the delay or discontinuance of orders for our products by customers until those necessary components are available.

# The future growth of our DSP cores licensing business depends in part on our ability to license to system OEMs and small-to-medium-sized semiconductor companies directly.

Historically our DSP cores licensing business has derived a substantial portion of its revenue in any period from license fees from a relatively small number of licenses. Because of the high license fees we currently charge, only large semiconductor companies or vertically integrated system OEMs typically license our DSP core technologies. Part of our current growth strategy for our DSP cores licensing business is to broaden its client base by offering tailored packages to small- and medium-sized semiconductor companies and other system OEMs to enable them to license our DSP core technology. We plan to expand the sales and marketing organization of our DSP cores licensing business for this purpose. We cannot assure you that we will be successful in expanding this marketing and sales organization for this purpose and in promoting its products to system OEMs and small- to medium-sized semiconductor companies. If we are unable to effectively develop and market its intellectual property through this model, our DSP cores licensing business revenues will continue to be dependent on a smaller number of licensees and the failure to secure these types of relationships could harm our business and results of operations.

# The success of our DSP cores licensing business depends on its ability to compete successfully with other providers of DSP solutions.

The market for programmable DSP solutions is highly competitive and is dominated by large, fully integrated semiconductor companies that have significant brand recognition, a large installed base of customers and a large network of field support and field application engineers. We and the companies that license our technology from us compete with companies such as 3DSP, BOPS, LSI Logic and StarCore, a venture formed by Infineon, Agere and Motorola, which license DSP cores, and companies such as Analog Devices, Agere, Motorola, and Texas Instruments, which sell their own complete general purpose DSP or application specific DSP solutions. Our DSP cores licensing business faces competition also from some of its strategic partners, which are not committed exclusively to our technology and may develop products competing with our DSP cores products, or products based on architectures of our direct competitors.

As demand for programmable DSP solutions increases, large manufacturers of off-the-shelf chips and system manufacturers may make their intellectual property available to others, and developers of microprocessors, microcontrollers or other processors may devote more resources to create DSP extensions to their products. It is also possible that new competitors or alliances among competitors could emerge. For example, Infineon, Agere and Motorola formed a venture to develop and market DSP technologies used in communications systems, wireless phones and consumer electronic products. These existing or future alliances could rapidly acquire significant market share in our markets.

We cannot assure you that our DSP cores licensing business will be able to compete successfully against current or future competitors; or that we will be able to improve or even maintain our competitive position or that our new products will achieve market acceptance. If our DSP cores licensing business is unable to maintain its competitive position in the marketplace, its business, results of operations and financial condition may be harmed.

### Our DSP cores licensing business may need to increase its research and development efforts to remain competitive.

The DSP cores market is experiencing extensive efforts by some of our competitors to use new technologies to manipulate their chip designs to increase the parallel processing of the chips and/or designs they offer. For example, one such technology used is Very Long Instruction Word (VLIW), of which some of our competitors possess elements, but which we do not possess at the present time. If such technology continues to improve the programming processing of these chips, or if other new technologies are demanded by our customers, we may need to change the focus of our research and development to obtain such technologies. Failure to do so could hurt our ability to remain competitive and could have an adverse effect on our results of operations. Our DSP cores licensing business spent \$1.6 million, or 34% of its total revenues, on research and development in the second quarter of 2002 and \$5.1 million, or 20% of its total revenues, in 2001, on research and development and we expect to continue to invest heavily in this area. However, we cannot assure you that these past or future expenditures will result in new and enhanced products or such products will be accepted in the market.

### RISKS RELATING TO OUR IP PLATFORMS LICENSING BUSINESS

We utilize third-party foundries to produce the chips we sell, and any failure by them to deliver the chips we require on time could limit our ability to satisfy our customers' demands.

Our business strategy calls for revenue from the sale of silicon chips embodying our intellectual property to comprise an increasing percentage of the total revenue of our IP platforms licensing business over the next two years. We currently utilize third party foundries to produce chips using our designs. Any interruption in our relationship with these third party foundries could harm our ability to develop this part of our business profitably. We do not have the ability to produce chips independently and thus depend on these foundries to:

- allocate a portion of their manufacturing capacity to our needs;
- · produce acceptable quality silicon wafers and chips with acceptable manufacturing yields; and
- deliver chips on a timely basis at a competitive price.

### RISKS RELATING TO PARTHUSCEVA'S INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS

# Potential political, economic and military instability in Israel may adversely affect our results of operations.

Some of our principal research and development facilities are located in the State of Israel. In addition, although we are incorporated in Delaware, some of our directors and executive officers are residents of Israel. Although substantially all of our sales currently are being made to customers outside Israel, we are nonetheless directly influenced by the political, economic and military conditions affecting Israel. Any major hostilities involving Israel, or the interruption or curtailment of trade between Israel and its present trading partners, could significantly harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

Israel's economy has been subject to numerous destabilizing factors, including a period of rampant inflation in the early to mid-1980's, low foreign exchange reserves, fluctuations in world commodity prices, military conflicts and civil unrest. In addition, Israel and companies doing business with Israel have been the subject of an economic boycott by the Arab countries since Israel's establishment. Although they have not done so to date, these restrictive laws and policies may have an adverse impact on our operating results, financial condition or expansion of our business.

Since the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, a state of hostility has existed, varying in degree and intensity, between Israel and the Arab countries. Although Israel has entered into various agreements with certain Arab countries and the Palestinian Authority, and various declarations have been signed in connection with efforts to resolve some of the economic and political problems in the Middle East, hostilities between Israel and some of its Arab

neighbors have recently escalated and intensified. We cannot predict whether or in what manner these conflicts will be resolved. Our results of operations may be negatively affected by the obligation of key personnel to perform military service. In addition, certain of our officers and employees are currently obligated to perform annual reserve duty in the Israel Defense Forces and are subject to being called for active military duty at any time. Although we have operated effectively under these requirements since our inception, we cannot predict the effect of these obligations on the company in the future. Our operations could be disrupted by the absence, for a significant period, of one or more of our officers or key employees due to military service.

# The Israeli tax benefits and government program that we currently receive or participate in require us to meet several conditions and may be terminated or reduced in the future, which could increase our costs.

We were assigned certain tax benefits in Israel from DSP Group, particularly as a result of the "Approved Enterprise" status of our facilities and programs. To maintain our eligibility for these tax benefits, we must continue to meet certain conditions, relating principally to adherence to the investment program filed with the Investment Center of the Israeli Ministry of Industry and Trade and to periodic reporting obligations. We believe that we will be able to continue to meet such conditions. Should we fail to meet such conditions in the future, however, these benefits would be cancelled and we would be subject to corporate tax in Israel at the standard rate of 36%, and could be required to refund tax benefits already received. In addition, we cannot assure you that such grants and tax benefits will be continued in the future at their current levels or otherwise.

We also receive funding as part of our participation in Magnet research programs supported by the Office of Chief Scientist operated by Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade. In the second quarter of 2002, we received \$318,000 in grants to us from these programs. In the years 2001 and 2000, we recorded \$542,000 and \$578,000, respectively, in grants to us from these programs. All of these grants are non-refundable.

The termination or reduction of certain programs and tax benefits (particularly benefits available to us as a result of the Approved Enterprise status of our facilities and programs) or a requirement to refund tax benefits already received may seriously harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

# The corporate tax rate applicable to our IP platforms licensing business may increase, which could adversely impact our cash flow, financial condition and results of operations.

We have significant operations in the Republic of Ireland and a substantial portion of the taxable income on our IP platforms licensing business has historically been generated there. Currently, some of our Irish subsidiaries are taxed at rates substantially lower than U.S. tax rates. Although there is no expectation of any changes to Irish tax law, if our Irish subsidiaries were no longer to qualify for these lower tax rates or if the applicable tax laws were rescinded or changed, our operating results could be materially adversely affected. In addition, because the IP platforms licensing business will be owned by subsidiaries of a U.S. corporation, distributions to the U.S. corporation, and in certain circumstances undistributed income of the subsidiaries, may be subject to U.S. tax. Moreover, if U.S. or other foreign tax authorities were to change applicable tax laws or successfully challenge the manner in which our subsidiaries' profits are currently recognized, our overall taxes could increase, and our business, cash flow, financial condition and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

#### Our results of operations may be affected by currency fluctuations.

Due to our multinational operations, our business is subject to fluctuations based upon changes in the exchange rates between the U.S. dollar, British pound, the euro and new Israeli shekels, the currencies in which we collect revenues or pay expenses. Part of our expenses in Israel are paid in Israeli currency, which subjects us to the risks of foreign currency fluctuations and to economic pressures resulting from Israel's general rate of inflation. Additionally, some of our revenues and part of our expenses in Dublin, Ireland are paid in euros, which subjects us to similar risks with respect to the European economies. While a significant part of our sales and expenses are denominated in United States dollars, a portion of our expenses are denominated in new Israeli shekels and the euro. As a result, an increase in the value of Israeli

shekels and/or the euro in comparison to the United States dollar could increase the cost of our technology development, research and development expenses and general and administrative expenses. We cannot assure you that currency fluctuations, changes in the rate of inflation between these regions and the U.S. or any of the other factors mentioned above will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. From time to time, we may use derivative instruments in order to minimize the effects of such developments. Our hedging positions may be partial, may not exist at all in the future or may not succeed to minimize our foreign currency fluctuation risks. Our reporting currency will be the U.S. dollar and, therefore, fluctuations in the exchange rate between the U.S. dollar and other currencies in which we transact business may cause fluctuations in our reported financial information.

# Foreign courts might not enforce judgments rendered in the United States, which may make it difficult to collect on judgments rendered against us.

Most of our directors and officers, as well as the experts named in this prospectus, are not residents of the United States, and most of our assets and their assets are located outside the United States. Service of process upon our non-U.S. resident directors, officers or the experts named herein and the enforcement of judgments obtained in the United States against us, our directors and executive officers, or the experts named herein, may be difficult to obtain.

There is also doubt as to the enforceability in Ireland and in Israel of judgments obtained in any federal or state court in the United States in civil and commercial matters, including actions predicated upon the civil liability provisions of the U.S. securities laws. The United States does not currently have a treaty with the Republic of Ireland and/or Israel providing for the reciprocal recognition and enforcement of judgments, other than arbitration awards, in civil and commercial matters. Therefore, a final judgment for the payment of a fixed debt or sum of money rendered by any federal or state court in the United States based on civil liability, whether or not based solely upon the U.S. federal securities laws, would not automatically be enforceable in the Republic of Ireland or in Israel. In addition, there is doubt as to whether an Irish or an Israeli court would impose civil liability based solely on the U.S. federal securities laws in an action brought in a court of competent jurisdiction in the Republic of Ireland or in Israel.

### RISKS RELATING TO HOLDING PARTHUSCEVA COMMON STOCK AND TO PARTHUSCEVA BECOMING A PUBLIC COMPANY

### Our securities have no prior market, and we cannot assure you that our stock price will not decline.

There has not been a public market for our common stock, and an active public market for our common stock may not develop or be sustained. The market price of our common stock could be subject to significant fluctuations. Among the factors that could affect the stock price are:

- negative market reaction to the separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group;
- negative market reaction to the combination of Parthus and Ceva;
- quarterly variations in our operating results;
- changes in revenue or earnings estimates or publication of research reports by analysts;
- speculation in the press or investment community;
- strategic actions by us or our competitors, such as acquisitions or restructurings;
- actions by institutional stockholders;
- general market conditions; or
- domestic and international economic factors unrelated to our performance.

In particular, the realization of any of the risks described above could have a significant and adverse effect on the market price of our common stock. We cannot assure you that you will be able to resell your shares of our common stock at any particular price, or at all.

### Substantial sales of our common stock may occur in connection with the distribution and combination, which could cause our stock price to decline.

DSP Group is distributing all of the shares of our common stock it holds to DSP Group's stockholders. In addition, we are issuing new shares to all of the former Parthus shareholders as part of the combination. Other than shares held by certain of our insiders and "affiliates" and former Parthus "affiliates" under applicable securities laws, substantially all of these shares will be eligible for immediate resale in the public market. We are unable to predict whether significant amounts of common stock will be sold in the open market following the distribution and combination. We are also unable to predict whether a sufficient number of buyers will be in the market at that time. Any sales of substantial amounts of common stock in the public market, or the perception that such sales might occur, whether as a result of the distribution or otherwise, could harm the market price of our common stock.

# Market prices of technology companies have been highly volatile and the market for our common stock may be volatile as well.

The stock market has experienced significant price and trading volume fluctuations, and the market prices of shares of technology companies generally have been extremely volatile and have recently experienced sharp declines. Broad market fluctuations may adversely affect the trading price of our common stock regardless of our actual performance. In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a public company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been instituted against that company. Such litigation could result in substantial costs and a diversion of management's attention and resources.

# The anti-takeover provisions in our charter documents and in Delaware law could prevent or delay transactions that our stockholders may favor.

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions which could make it harder for a third party to acquire us without the consent of our board of directors. For example, if a potential acquirer were to make a hostile bid for us, the acquirer would not be able to call a special meeting of stockholders to remove our board of directors or act by written consent without a meeting. The acquirer would also be required to provide advance notice of its proposal to remove directors at an annual meeting. In addition, our board of directors will be authorized to issue preferred stock in series, with the terms of each series to be fixed by the board of directors.

Section 203 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware limits business combination transactions with 15% stockholders that have not been approved by the board of directors. These provisions and other similar provisions make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us without negotiation. These provisions may apply even if the offer may be considered beneficial by some stockholders.

Our board of directors could choose not to negotiate with an acquirer that it did not feel was in the strategic interests of ParthusCeva. If the acquirer were discouraged from offering to acquire us or prevented from successfully completing a hostile acquisition by the anti-takeover measures, you could lose the opportunity to sell your shares at a favorable price.

### Our ability to pay dividends is limited.

We currently intend to retain all future earnings to fund the development and growth of our business and, therefore, do not anticipate paying any dividends. Section 170 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware provides that we can pay dividends only out of surplus or net profits for the fiscal year in which the dividend is declared and/or the preceding fiscal year. In addition, because our Israeli subsidiary received certain benefits under Israeli laws relating to its Approved Enterprise status, the payment of dividends by our Israeli subsidiary to us may subject us to certain Israeli taxes to which we would not otherwise be subject. For additional information regarding our dividend policy, please see "Dividend Policy" and "Description of Capital Stock."

#### SEPARATION OF DSP CORES LICENSING BUSINESS FROM DSP GROUP

#### Overview

In October 2000, DSP Group announced its plan to establish Ceva, one of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, as an independent business focused on the licensing of technology for the design and manufacture of DSP cores. The separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group, including the transfer of related assets, liabilities and intellectual property rights, was substantially completed on , 2002. DSP Group distributed its shares of Ceva's common stock to the DSP Group stockholders on , 2002.

#### Benefits of the Separation

We believe that we will realize benefits from the separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group, including the following:

- Greater Strategic Focus. DSP Group designs, manufactures and markets DSP integrated circuit devices for highly-integrated digital cordless phones, Internet telephony devices and other digital speech products. Our focus for the DSP cores licensing business will be on developing businesses and strategic opportunities in the licensing of technology to third parties for the manufacturing of these products. Our separation from DSP Group and the subsequent combination with Parthus will allow the board of directors, management team and employees of the combined company to focus specifically on our business and strategic opportunities. As a combined entity, we will have a greater ability to modify our business processes and organization to fulfill our goals with respect to enhanced research and development and the creation of targeted markets and sales and support infrastructures that better accommodate the needs of our business, customers and employees.
- Greater Management Focus. As a stand-alone, independent company, our management can devote
  time and energy exclusively to our business. Our business requires a significant amount of executive
  attention at the sales and marketing level because license agreements are typically not finalized without
  the involvement of a sophisticated negotiator. The separation will enable our management team to focus
  on the licensing business without the distractions of the competing needs of DSP Group's business.
- Avoid Conflicts of Interest. As a licensor of intellectual property, we can make our technology
  accessible to all potential users. Our relationship with DSP Group raised competitive considerations for
  both DSP Group and potential customers of the products of the DSP cores licensing business, including
  direct competitors of DSP Group. We believe our separation from DSP Group will enable us to enter
  into license agreements with direct competitors of DSP Group, to offer more competitive agreements to
  potential customers, and to enter into mergers, joint ventures and technology development relationships
  as the opportunities present themselves.
- Better Incentives for Employees and Greater Accountability. We expect the motivation of our employees and the focus of our management will be strengthened by incentive compensation programs tied to the market performance of our common stock. Our separation from DSP Group and combination with Parthus will enable us to offer our employees compensation directly linked to the performance of our business, which we expect to enhance our ability to attract and retain qualified personnel.
- Increased Speed and Responsiveness. As a stand-alone company, we expect to be able to make
  decisions more quickly, deploy resources more rapidly and efficiently and operate with more agility
  than we could as a part of a more diverse organization. In addition, we expect to enhance our
  responsiveness to the needs of our customers and partners.
- Direct Access to Capital Markets. As a separate company, we will have direct access to the capital markets to finance our operational and financial requirements, including growth through acquisitions.

#### **Arrangements Between Ceva and DSP Group**

We have provided below a summary description of the separation agreement along with the other key agreements. The following description is a summary of the material terms of these agreements.

#### **Separation Agreement**

The separation agreement contains the key provisions relating to our separation from DSP Group and DSP Group's distribution of our shares to its stockholders.

The Separation. The separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group, including the transfer of related assets, liabilities and intellectual property rights, was substantially completed immediately prior to the consummation of Ceva's combination with Parthus. The separation agreement provides for the transfer to Ceva of assets and liabilities from DSP Group related to the DSP cores licensing business as described in this prospectus in exchange for the issuance by Ceva to DSP Group of 1,000 shares of Ceva's common stock, effective on the separation date. Further, in accordance with the separation agreement, DSP Group's Israeli subsidiary, DSP Group, Ltd., transferred to DSP Group all of the share capital of Corage, Ltd., an Israeli company, which DSP Group then contributed to Ceva. Ceva subsequently contributed all of the Corage, Ltd. share capital to DSP Ceva, Inc., its wholly-owned subsidiary, and upon the closing of the combination, DSP Ceva, Inc. changed its name to DSP ParthusCeva, Inc. and Corage, Ltd. changed its name to ParthusCeva, Ltd. Following the separation, ParthusCeva, Ltd. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of DSP ParthusCeva, Inc. After its contribution of assets to Ceva, DSP Group surrendered shares of Ceva's common stock it held to Ceva without consideration, to adjust the number of shares of Ceva's common stock held by DSP Group, and then distributed the remaining shares of Ceva common stock it held to the DSP Group stockholders on the basis of one share of Ceva common stock for every three shares of DSP Group common stock held by such stockholders on the record date for the distribution. Ceva then acquired Parthus pursuant to a scheme of arrangement.

In connection with the separation, one share of Ceva common stock was distributed for every three shares of the DSP Group common stock outstanding (approximately 27 million shares in the aggregate), resulting in an aggregate of approximately 9 million shares of Ceva common stock being distributed to DSP Group stockholders on the distribution date. Since the number of shares distributed to the former Parthus shareholders was approximately 49.9% of the total outstanding shares, following the combination, ParthusCeva had approximately 18 million shares of its common stock outstanding. Since there was no public market for Ceva's common stock prior to the combination, the decision to distribute one share of Ceva common stock for every three shares of DSP Group common stock held by DSP Group stockholders on the distribution date was determined through negotiations between DSP Group and Parthus. The parties had previously considered distributing one share of Ceva common stock for every two shares of DSP Group common stock outstanding, which would have resulted in ParthusCeva having a total of 27 million shares outstanding immediately following the combination. In determining the final distribution ratio, the parties assumed that the market capitalization of ParthusCeva would not be affected by the number of shares of ParthusCeva common stock outstanding. The parties agreed that it would be preferable from a market trading price perspective to have an approximately 50% greater per share value resulting from a total of 18 million shares of ParthusCeva common stock outstanding, rather than the per share value if 27 million shares had been distributed in the separation and combination, and therefore revised the ratio accordingly. See "Combination with Parthus Technologies plc."

The various ancillary agreements that are exhibits to the separation agreement (or forms thereof mutually agreed upon by the parties) and which detail the separation and various interim and ongoing relationships among DSP Group, its subsidiaries, Ceva and its subsidiaries following the separation date include:

• a technology transfer agreement whereby DSP Group transfers and/or assigns certain technology, third party licenses and other contracts to Ceva;

- a technology transfer assignment and assumption agreement whereby Ceva transfers and/or assigns the technology, as well as its rights under the transfer agreement, to DSP Ceva, Inc.;
- a technology transfer agreement whereby DSP Group, Ltd. transfers and/or assigns certain technology, third party licenses and other contracts to Corage, Ltd.;
- a transition services agreement among DSP Group, DSP Ceva, Inc. and Ceva;
- a transition services agreement between DSP Group, Ltd. and Corage, Ltd.; and
- a tax indemnification and allocation agreement between DSP Group and Ceva.

To the extent that the terms of any of these ancillary agreements conflict with the separation agreement, the terms of these agreements will govern. These agreements are described more fully below.

The Contribution. As part of the assets contributed to Ceva in the separation, DSP Group also contributed to Ceva a total of the sum of \$40 million as initial working capital plus cash equal to the amount by which the transaction costs of the separation and combination exceeded \$2 million. In addition, as part of the separation and distribution pursuant to the terms of the separation agreement, Ceva agreed with DSP Group to settle the intercompany investment account between them by (i) converting part of DSP Group's investment account in Ceva (consisting of the value of the property, equipment and inventory) into Ceva's stockholders' equity, (ii) allowing DSP Group to retain all rights to Ceva's accounts receivable existing on the date of the separation, and (iii) having DSP Group retain certain of Ceva's current liabilities existing on the date of separation, such that the settlement arrangement resulted in the net amount of assets retained by DSP Group to equal the amount of the intercompany account on the date of separation (as of June 30, 2002, approximately \$8.7 million).

The Distribution. After the contribution of the assets related to the DSP cores licensing business discussed above, DSP Group surrendered shares of Ceva's common stock it held to Ceva without consideration, to adjust the number of shares of Ceva's common stock held by DSP Group, and then distributed the remaining shares of Ceva's common stock it held to the DSP Group stockholders on the basis of one share of Ceva common stock for every three shares of DSP Group common stock held by such stockholders on the record date for the distribution. DSP Group did not issue any fractional shares in the distribution. Instead, fractional shares were aggregated and sold on the market on the first day after the consummation of the separation and combination, or as soon as possible thereafter, and each DSP Group stockholder entitled to a fraction of a ParthusCeva share received cash in lieu of such fraction in an amount equal to their portion of the amount received for the shares sold, net of commissions.

In connection with the distribution, the payment of cash in lieu of a fractional share of Ceva common stock will be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as if the fractional share had been distributed as part of the separation and then had been sold by the DSP Group stockholder. Accordingly, a DSP Group stockholder will recognize gain or loss on the sale of such fractional share in an amount equal to the difference between the cash received by that stockholder and the basis the stockholder has in the fractional share. If the Ceva common stock is held by the stockholder as a capital asset, the gain or loss generally will be capital gain or loss. Certain of the DSP Group stockholders—primarily non-U.S. shareholders not engaged in a trade or business in the United States—may not be subject to U.S. taxation with respect to the sale of a fractional share.

Representations, Warranties, Covenants and Indemnification Regarding the Distribution.

The separation agreement contains representations and warranties from DSP Group and Ceva as to the accuracy of facts and representations made by DSP Group, Ceva and Parthus in connection with the tax rulings issued by the Internal Revenue Service in connection with the separation, distribution and combination. Under the separation agreement, we have agreed that:

- (a) during the two-year period immediately following completion of the distribution, we will not:
- liquidate or dispose of all or a substantial portion of the "active trade or business" as defined in the separation agreement;

- discontinue the conduct of our "active trade or business"; or
- except in accordance with the provisions of the separation agreement, dispose of any business or assets that would cause us to be operated in a manner inconsistent in any material respect with the business purposes of the distribution as set forth in the representation letter sent to, and the tax rulings issued by, the Internal Revenue Service in connection with the separation and distribution; and

(b) during the one-year period immediately following completion of the distribution, we will not, except in accordance with the terms of the separation agreement, directly or indirectly, enter into any agreement, understanding, arrangement or substantial negotiations regarding a proposed acquisition transaction (as that term is defined in the separation agreement);

unless (1) the IRS has ruled that such action or transaction is not pursuant to a plan or series of transaction related to the distribution, (2) DSP Group expressly consents in writing to the action or transaction, which consent may be withheld by DSP Group in its sole discretion taking into account solely the preservation of the tax-free treatment of the distribution, or (3) we obtain a supplemental ruling from the Internal Revenue Service or a tax opinion from a nationally recognized law firm or accounting firm reasonably acceptable to DSP Group that the action will not adversely affect the tax-free status of the distribution. In addition, we have represented and warranted that any factual information presented or representations made by Parthus (or by us after the distribution) in the application for supplemental rulings or any supplement to this application filed with the Internal Revenue Service regarding the separation, distribution and combination are true, correct and complete.

Under the terms of the separation agreement, we have agreed to indemnify DSP Group and its affiliates for any tax liability incurred by DSP Group or such affiliates with respect to the distribution as a result of our breach of any of our representation, warranties or covenants made in the separation agreement or in any representation letter issued by us after the combination with respect to the tax matters listed in the separation agreement.

In the event that the Internal Revenue Service subsequently determines that DSP Group's distribution of Ceva's common stock to its stockholders is not a tax-free transaction as to DSP Group, DSP Group will recognize a corporate-level taxable gain in an amount equal to the difference between the market value of the Ceva's common stock at the time of distribution to the DSP Group stockholders and DSP Group's basis in that stock (and its tax owed would be determined by multiplying this gain by DSP Group's net effective tax rate at the time of the distribution (currently approximately 38%)).

These rights and obligations shall survive until 30 days following the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations. There are no limitations on the rights and obligations relating to the amount of any claim for indemnification.

In addition, each of the parties has agreed to indemnify the other with respect to:

- the failure to pay, perform or discharge any liabilities for which it is responsible under the separation agreement;
- the breach by it or any of its affiliates of the terms of the separation agreement and the ancillary agreements associated with the separation agreement; and
- the breach by it or any of its affiliates of any of the covenants or obligations in the combination agreement or any other documents or instruments executed or delivered by that party in connection with the separation, distribution and combination. These rights and obligations shall survive until the second anniversary following the distribution date. The amount of any claims for indemnification will be reduced by the amount of any insurance proceeds. There are no other limitations on the rights and obligations relating to the amount of any claim for indemnification.

The limitations on the issuance of shares of our capital stock and other restrictions discussed above could have a negative impact on our financial flexibility following the distribution.

Dispute Resolution. If problems arise between the parties to the separation agreement, the parties have agreed to the following procedures:

- the parties will make a good-faith effort to first resolve the dispute through negotiation;
- in connection with these attempts to resolve the dispute, the parties may agree to attempt to resolve the dispute through non-binding mediation; and
- after certain events occur as described in the separation agreement, the parties can resort to binding arbitration. In addition, under limited circumstances any party acting in good faith may initiate litigation in lieu of complying with the arbitration provisions of the separation agreement.

Noncompetition and Nonsolicitation. Subject to the restrictions and rights set forth in the technology transfer agreements, DSP Group has agreed that for a period of five years from the distribution date, DSP Group will not, and will ensure that affiliates of DSP Group will not, directly or indirectly engage in any business which is competitive with the DSP cores licensing business. Furthermore, we have agreed that, subject to the restrictions and rights set forth in the technology transfer agreements, for a period of five years from the distribution date, we will not, and will ensure that our affiliates will not, directly or indirectly engage in designing, manufacturing and marketing high performance digital signal processor-based integrated circuit devices for integrated digital cordless phones and voice-over broadband products. This restriction does not, however, prevent us from licensing our products to third parties who use them to make these or similar products. In addition, except in accordance with the terms of the agreement, for three years after the distribution date, the parties each agree that they will not solicit for hire any employee of the other party.

*Expenses*. Each party to the separation agreement will bear its own respective third party fees, costs and expenses paid or incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated thereby.

### Ceva Technology Transfer Agreement

Asset Transfer and Assumption of Liabilities. The Ceva technology transfer agreement identifies the assets, including but not limited to intellectual property, that DSP Group transferred to us and the liabilities that we assumed from DSP Group in the separation in exchange for the issuance by us to DSP Group of shares of our common stock. The agreement also describes when and how these transfers and assumptions occurred.

Retention of Certain Rights. Notwithstanding the assignment and assumption, DSP Group reserves for itself, its successors and assigns, the nonexclusive, royalty-free right to use, make, modify, reproduce, sell, import, prepare derivative works from, and sublicense (subject to certain restrictions) the intangible property transferred by DSP Group to us, as such intangible property exists on the date of the transfer, solely in connection with the design, manufacture, development, testing, use and sale or other distribution of its products. DSP Group also retains the right to use our trademarks and logos in connection with the marketing and distribution of its products.

### DSP Ceva, Inc. Technology Transfer Agreement

The DSP Ceva, Inc. technology transfer agreement implements the transfer from us to our wholly-owned subsidiary, DSP Ceva, Inc., of the assets transferred by DSP Group to us and the assumption by DSP Ceva, Inc. of liabilities assumed by us from DSP Group in the separation in exchange for the issuance by DSP Ceva, Inc. to us of shares in its share capital. The agreement also describes when and how these transfers and assumptions occurred.

### Corage, Ltd. Technology Transfer Agreement

Asset Transfer and Assumption of Liabilities. The Corage, Ltd. technology transfer agreement identifies the assets that DSP Group, Ltd., an Israeli subsidiary of DSP Group, transferred to Corage, Ltd., our Israeli

subsidiary, as well as the liabilities Corage, Ltd. assumed from DSP Group, Ltd. in the separation in exchange for the issuance by Corage, Ltd. to DSP Group, Ltd. of shares in its share capital. The agreement also describes when and how these transfers and assumptions occurred.

Retention of Certain Rights. Notwithstanding these assignments and assumptions, DSP Group, Ltd. reserves; for itself and its successors and assigns, the nonexclusive, royalty-free right to use, make, modify, reproduce, sell, import, prepare derivative works from, and sublicense (subject to certain restrictions) the intangible property transferred by DSP Group, Ltd. to us as that intangible property exists on the date of the transfer, solely in connection with the design, manufacture, development, testing, use and sale or other distribution of its products. DSP Group, Ltd. also retains the right to use our trademarks and logos transferred to Corage, Ltd. in connection with the marketing and distribution of DSP Group, Ltd.'s products.

ParthusCeva, as the owner of the intellectual property relating to the DSP cores licensing business, has the exclusive right to bring actions against third parties for infringement of all intellectual property assigned to it. ParthusCeva also has the right to grant licenses and sublicenses of this intellectual property, and to give these rights to others (subject only to DSP Group's existing rights). As a licensee, DSP Group has only the rights explicitly granted to it in the separation agreement and related documents, including the various technology transfer agreements. DSP Group is not able to engage in ParthusCeva's business for a period of five years after the separation, and after the non-competition period, DSP Group only has the right to grant sublicenses to the intellectual property relating to the DSP cores licensing business as part of DSP Group's products that offer functions and features in addition to the DSP core functions. These agreements therefore prevent DSP Group from granting the type of license which ParthusCeva may grant to its licensees or customers in its ordinary course of business.

Ceva and DSP Group have transferred the assets used for sales made by our DSP cores licensing business in the United States to DSP Ceva, Inc. and for sales of our DSP cores licensing business made outside the United States to Corage, Ltd. to take advantage of the favorable tax treatment provided by this structure. Because Corage, Ltd.'s assets remain outside the United States, income from its operations that are entitled to an "approved enterprise" status are subject to advantageous tax rates in Israel, and are not currently subject to U.S. taxation. In addition, in order for the separation of the DSP cores licensing business operated in Israel to obtain the same tax free treatment following the combination under Israeli tax law that the separation of the DSP cores licensing business operated in the U.S. received under U.S. tax law, it was necessary that, at the time of the separation and combination, Corage Ltd. be owned by a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ceva, Inc. (or ParthusCeva, Inc. after the combination) rather than directly by Ceva, Inc. Were this not done, the separation of Israeli operations of the DSP cores licensing business would have still been tax free under U.S. law, but would have been subject to Israeli taxes. See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Israeli Taxation and Investment Programs."

Since both ParthusCeva and DSP Ceva, Inc. are United States corporations that will file a consolidated federal income tax return, we do not anticipate that whether particular assets are held by one versus the other of these two corporations will have U.S. federal income tax consequences. Also, as no assets or businesses subject to U.S. federal income taxes are being transferred abroad and no Israeli-based assets or businesses that are not currently subject to U.S. federal income taxes are being transferred into the United States, no change in the federal income tax treatment of the assets or businesses involved in the separation and combination is anticipated as a result of those transactions.

### Transition Services Agreement Among DSP Group, DSP Ceva and Us

Services. The transition services agreement governs the provision of transition services by DSP Group to us and to DSP Ceva, Inc. after the separation date. DSP Group is obligated to provide certain general and administrative services, including management and information services and network, hardware and software maintenance and support, to us and to DSP Ceva, Inc., and we and DSP Ceva, Inc. are obligated to pay DSP Group an agreed amount.

Term. The term of the transition services agreement commences on the date of the separation agreement and continues until such time as DSP Group is no longer required to provide any transition services. However, we may terminate or limit the services to be provided by DSP Group at any time upon at least 60 days' prior notice.

Use of Facilities. During the first year following the separation date, and for so long thereafter as the parties agree, we and DSP Ceva will occupy and utilize portions of DSP Group's facilities in Santa Clara, California. We and DSP Ceva are obligated to pay an agreed amount to DSP Group for our respective pro rata shares of the rent and other costs of occupying and operating these facilities.

### Transition Services Agreement between DSP Group, Ltd. and Corage, Ltd.

Services. The transition services agreement governs the provision of transition services by DSP Group, Ltd. and the subsidiaries of DSP Group, Inc., Nikon DSP K.K. and DSP Group Europe Sarl, to Corage, Ltd. after the separation date. DSP Group, Ltd. is obligated to provide certain general and administrative services, including management and information services and network, hardware and software maintenance and support, to Corage, Ltd., as Corage, Ltd. requires and requests. In addition, Nikon DSP K.K. and DSP Group Europe Sarl are obligated to provide to Corage, Ltd. general and administrative services and management and information services with respect to Ceva's operations in Japan and Europe. For research and development services, Corage, Ltd., is obligated to pay DSP Group, Ltd. for services provided at agreed upon rates.

Term. The term of the transition services agreement commenced on the date of the separation agreement and continues until such time as DSP Group, Ltd., Nikon DSP K.K. and DSP Group Europe Sarl are no longer required to provide any transition services. However, Corage, Ltd. may terminate or limit any of the services provided by DSP Group, Ltd., Nikon DSP K.K. or DSP Group Europe Sarl at any time upon at least 60 days' prior notice.

Although agreed in the context of arms-length negotiations between DSP Group and Parthus in connection with the combination, the transition services agreements were entered into in the context of a parent-subsidiary relationship with DSP Group. As a result, the prices charged to us under the transition services agreements may be lower than the prices that we may be required to pay third parties for similar services or the costs of similar services if we undertake them ourselves. If we fail to find replacements for these services after the expiration of the term of the agreements, or if we are unable to replace them on terms as favorable as those provided in the transition services agreements, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be harmed.

#### Tax Indemnification and Allocation Agreement

Ceva was included as part of DSP Group's consolidated group for federal income tax purposes until the separation date. In general, under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, each member of a consolidated group is jointly and severally liable for the federal income tax liability of each other member of the consolidated group. Pursuant to arms-length negotiations between DSP Group and Parthus to allocate the responsibilities between us and DSP Group for tax liabilities that may be asserted in the future, in addition to the indemnification provided in the separation agreement, we have entered into a tax indemnification and allocation agreement with DSP Group pursuant to which DSP Group will be liable for, and will indemnify us for, any federal income tax related to the consolidated returns filed by it for all periods ending on or before the distribution date. Under that agreement, we and DSP Group will each be liable for, and shall indemnify the other against, liability for our respective federal income tax for subsequent periods after the distribution. In the case of income taxes other than federal income taxes, the tax indemnification and allocation agreement provides for an allocation that is generally similar to the allocation of federal income taxes. Taxes other than income taxes are allocated based on the legal entity on which the legal incidence of the tax is imposed.

In general, the separation agreement described above, rather than the tax indemnification and allocation agreement, governs indemnification for any taxes due by reason of the distribution.

#### **Other Tax Matters**

Our DSP cores licensing business operations have been granted Approved Enterprise status under Israeli law under four separate investment plans which were assigned to us from DSP Group in the separation, and one plan has been approved for our activities, thereby entitling us to enjoy certain program and tax benefits.

#### **Voting Agreements**

As a condition to the combination of Parthus and Ceva, our stockholders Eliyahu Ayalon, Kevin Fielding, Brian Long, William McCabe, Peter McManamon, Sven-Christer Nilsson, Issachar Ohana, Michael Peirce, Joan Scully, Gideon Wertheizer, Enterprise Ireland and Kelburn Limited each entered into individual voting agreements with us on the following terms. These agreements, which cover approximately 18.2% of our outstanding stock as of the date of the combination (plus any additional shares subsequently acquired by such stockholders, including upon exercise of options), provide that each stockholder will vote all his or her ParthusCeva shares for the ParthusCeva nominees to our board or directors and, with respect to all other matters to be voted on by our stockholders, either in accordance with the recommendations of our board or directors or, if the board of directors makes no recommendation, for or against such matters in the same proportion as the shares owned by all other stockholders (excluding the stockholder who is the subject of the voting agreement and any transferee or assignee who is an affiliate of that stockholder). Each voting agreement terminates upon the earlier of two years from the date of the agreement, the sale of all or substantially all of our assets or a consolidation or merger of ParthusCeva as a result of which our stockholders prior to such a consolidation or merger hold less than 50% of the voting equity of the surviving or resulting entity, a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our business operations, the execution by us of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or the appointment of a receiver or trustee to take possession of our property and assets. In the event that any of these stockholders wishes to transfer any of their shares to a party or group who, after the transfer, will hold more than 3% of ParthusCeva's common stock, the transferee must also agree to be bound by the terms of this agreement.

### **Treatment of DSP Group Stock Options**

On the distribution date, each outstanding option to purchase DSP Group's common stock granted prior to the distribution was adjusted as described below.

On the distribution date, each DSP Group option held by any person who will serve as an employee of ParthusCeva following the separation was converted into two options: an option to purchase the same number of shares of DSP Group's common stock covered by the original DSP Group option (to the extent unexercised as of the distribution date) and an option to purchase one share of ParthusCeva's common stock for every three shares of DSP Group's common stock purchasable under the original DSP Group option (to the extent unexercised as of the distribution date).

The exercise prices per share for each converted DSP Group option and ParthusCeva option were established in a manner so that:

- (i) the aggregate "intrinsic value" (which is the market value of the stock underlying the option, less the exercise price of that option, multiplied by the number of shares then covered by that option) after the distribution of the converted DSP Group option plus the intrinsic value of the new ParthusCeva option was not greater than the intrinsic value of the original DSP Group option immediately prior to the distribution;
- (ii) the ratio of the exercise price of the converted DSP Group option to the market value per share of DSP Group's common stock after the distribution was not lower than the ratio of the exercise price of the original DSP Group option to the market value per share of DSP Group's common stock immediately prior to the distribution; and
- (iii) the ratio of the exercise price of the new ParthusCeva option to the market value per share of ParthusCeva's common stock after the distribution was not lower than the ratio of the exercise price of the

original DSP Group option to the market value per share of DSP Group's common stock immediately prior to the distribution.

The determination of the exercise prices for each converted DSP Group option and ParthusCeva option was made by DSP Group with the advice of its professional advisors.

The terms of each converted DSP Group option and each new ParthusCeva option (other than the exercise price and the number of shares) are substantially similar to the original DSP Group option from which they were converted. In the case of non-qualified stock options, if, and to the extent that, the vesting of any converted DSP Group non-qualified stock option is subject to vesting based on the continuous employment of the option holder with DSP Group or its subsidiaries, the vesting of the converted DSP Group non-qualified stock option is subject to the same vesting schedule as the original DSP Group option and continuation of the holder's employment with either DSP Group or ParthusCeva or their respective subsidiaries, as the case may be, and giving credit for continuous employment with DSP Group or ParthusCeva or their respective subsidiaries, prior to the distribution date.

In the case of stock options intended to qualify under Section 422 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, if, and to the extent that, the vesting of any converted DSP Group incentive stock option is subject to vesting based on the continuous employment of the option holder with DSP Group or its subsidiaries, the vesting of the converted DSP Group incentive stock option is subject to the same vesting schedule as the original DSP Group option and continuation of the holder's employment with DSP Group or its respective subsidiaries, and giving credit for continuous employment with DSP Group or ParthusCeva or their respective subsidiaries, prior to the distribution date. Any converted DSP Group incentive stock option held by an option holder who terminates employment with DSP Group or its subsidiaries as of the distribution date will cease vesting and terminate on the forty-sixth day following the distribution. DSP Group may amend DSP Group incentive stock options held by individuals who will terminate employment with DSP Group as of the distribution to provide that the option will vest based on continuation of the holder's employment with ParthusCeva or their respective subsidiaries, as the case may be.

All of the ParthusCeva options issued in connection with the distribution are non-qualified stock options. The vesting of each ParthusCeva option is subject to the same vesting schedule as the original DSP Group option and continuation of the holder's employment with either DSP Group or ParthusCeva or their respective subsidiaries, as the case may be, with credit given for continuous employment with DSP Group or ParthusCeva or their respective subsidiaries, prior to the distribution date. The ParthusCeva options granted with respect to each original DSP Group option were issued under the Ceva 2000 Stock Incentive Plan.

#### COMBINATION WITH PARTHUS TECHNOLOGIES PLC

#### Overview

On , 2002, immediately after the separation described above, Parthus and Ceva effected a combination of their businesses pursuant to the terms and conditions of a combination agreement, dated as of April 4, 2002, as amended, by and among DSP Group, Ceva and Parthus. As part of the combination, Ceva immediately changed its name to ParthusCeva, Inc., and Parthus became a wholly owned subsidiary of ParthusCeva. Pursuant to arms-length negotiations between DSP Group and Parthus and as set forth in the Combination Agreement, immediately following the combination, the stockholders of DSP Group and the former shareholders of Parthus owned approximately 50.1% and 49.9%, respectively, of the common stock of ParthusCeva.

#### Strategic Rationale for the Combination

The combination of Ceva and Parthus brings together the expertise of a provider of DSP cores architectures with the expertise of a supplier of complete platform-level IP solutions, which we believe strongly positions us to become a leading supplier of open-standard IP solutions to the industry.

Historically, DSP Group, Ceva's parent, has operated in two primary, but distinct, lines of business addressing the DSP market. One involves the development and sale of semiconductor products and the other involves the licensing of DSP core intellectual property for application in DSP processor chips. Increasingly, it has become apparent to DSP Group's management that these two lines of business generate limited synergy and do not effectively complement each other. In particular, the concurrent conduct of both lines of business has placed difficult demands on corporate resources and management time, as well as created the risk of confusion by targeted customers regarding the two lines of business.

DSP Group's management therefore concluded that the continued operation of both lines of business impaired the opportunity to maximize the value of either line of business for DSP Group stockholders. DSP Group's management therefore decided to spin-off the DSP cores licensing business, thereby:

- permitting dedicated management to focus on that line of business;
- eliminating potential lack of focus and customer confusion with respect to the DSP Group product business;
- presenting the opportunity for the DSP cores licensing business to obtain financing through third party sources or strategic relationships; as well as
- offering targeted employment incentives through the creation of a separate equity incentive plan.

In October 2000, DSP Group announced its plan to establish Ceva, one of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, as an independent business focused on the DSP cores licensing business. It also began to evaluate the potential for an initial public offering of Ceva's common stock to fund its expansion and continued operations. Towards that end, DSP Group sought in November 2000 and obtained in September 2001 a private letter ruling from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service regarding a proposed tax-free spin-off of the DSP cores licensing business. The significant downturn in the initial public offering market during 2000, which continued in 2001, however, led DSP Group's management to conclude that a spin-off followed by an initial public offering was not, in the then-current market environment, likely to generate a sufficient level of value for DSP Group stockholders.

Commencing in September 2001, DSP Group's management began efforts to identify a complementary strategic partner for the DSP cores licensing business. DSP Group's management identified Parthus as an attractive strategic partner, and began discussions with Parthus management in January 2002 based on a belief that the combined enterprise would address two critical components of the targeted market:

DSP cores, which provide the processing capability for digital electronic devices; and

— platform applications that make DSP technology useful to manufacturers of digital electronic devices.

In addition, the combined enterprise would have the financial resources, the research and development capabilities, and a market presence which would enhance its viability in a highly competitive environment.

The parties recognized in the negotiations regarding a proposed combination that, although Parthus had substantially greater assets and revenue, Ceva had realized significant earnings during each of the past two years and was expected to realize significant earnings in the current fiscal year. In contrast, Parthus incurred substantial losses during each of the past two fiscal years and was expected to incur a loss during the current fiscal year. In addition, the proposed combination would only be economically viable if the underlying spin-off of the DSP cores licensing business remained tax free to DSP Group and its stockholders. To avoid taxation to DSP Group under U.S. tax law, Section 355(e) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code requires that DSP Group's stockholders own more than 50% of the combined entity. In light of the fact that the parties, for the reasons described above, viewed the transaction as a merger of equals, they agreed that, taking into account the requirements of Section 355(e), DSP Group's stockholders should receive 50.1%, and former Parthus shareholders should receive 49.9%, of the equity of the combined enterprise.

Based upon negotiations between the managements of DSP Group and Parthus, during which negotiations both managements took positions as to the theoretical market valuations of Ceva as compared to Parthus, the parties settled on an assumption whereby the assumed market valuation of Parthus was approximately \$100 million greater than that of Ceva after giving effect to the spin-off, assuming that Ceva would not maintain cash which would otherwise be needed to fund its ongoing operations and growth. The \$100 million amount was arrived at by the parties based on extensive negotiations between the parties, including between the Chief Executive Officers of both companies. While both parties generated many arguments for higher valuations for their respective companies during such negotiations, including arguments based on various strategic, operational, financial, tax and other parameters, the actual assumption agreed upon was not based upon any specific argument or set of financial analyses. Since Ceva would need \$40 million in cash to maintain its ongoing operations and growth, which was approximately equal to its after tax earnings from 1996 through 2001, in order to preserve the equity ratios discussed above, DSP Group agreed to contribute \$40 million as part of the assets contributed to Ceva in the separation and Parthus agreed to effect a \$60 million cash distribution, thereby:

- eliminating the disparity in value between the entities;
- providing adequate levels of working capital for the DSP cores licensing business; and
- providing a return of capital to Parthus shareholders.

The terms described above were negotiated by the management of DSP Group and Parthus, and approved by their respective boards, taking into account their knowledge of the DSP cores licensing and IP platform businesses and the DSP market, as well as advice from their respective financial, accounting and legal advisors. However, in view of the lack of a public market for Ceva's securities, the extreme volatility in the value of technology stocks throughout 2002, and the uncertainties surrounding the semiconductor market, the assumptions regarding the relative valuations of the two enterprises were of necessity estimates that are not susceptible to precise quantification or certainty.

#### **Management and Operations**

ParthusCeva is headquartered in San Jose, California, and has principal offices in Dublin, Ireland, and Herzeliya, Israel. The board of directors of ParthusCeva is comprised of eight members, including five non-employee directors. The management includes former executive officers of both Parthus and Ceva.

We are incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware. With respect to most of our subsidiaries, the jurisdiction of incorporation relates to the principal location of corporate operations and assets and reflects the

historically and geographically dispersed operations of ParthusCeva, principally in Ireland, Israel and the United States.

Three of our Irish subsidiaries hold patents covering certain of our intellectual property that has been developed in Ireland. Pursuant to Irish tax law, Irish companies that hold patents with respect to which the development work underlying the patent was performed in Ireland are exempt from Irish corporate income tax. The benefit to date has been nominal due to losses incurred by the Parthus group. In addition, Parthus Inc., a Cayman Islands corporation, holds certain of our cash investments, currently amounting to approximately \$47 million (after the Parthus capital repayment). Interest on this amount is not subject to Irish taxation. Parthus organized this subsidiary in the Cayman Islands for the purpose of efficiently managing its working capital held in the form of cash or cash equivalents, including by obtaining favourable tax treatment. It is our understanding, however, that Parthus Inc. will likely be treated as a "controlled foreign corporation" under U.S. tax law and therefore our future interest income earned by this subsidiary will likely be taxable in the United States.

#### **Terms of the Combination**

The combination was effected through a scheme of arrangement pursuant to the laws of the Republic of Ireland—a form of corporate reorganization that is approved by the shareholders and sanctioned by the High Court of Ireland. The scheme provided as follows:

- Immediately prior to the combination with Ceva, Parthus distributed to its shareholders an aggregate capital repayment of \$60 million in cash.
- The existing Parthus shares were then cancelled and each Parthus shareholder received new shares of ParthusCeva's common stock.
- Immediately following the combination, the stockholders of DSP Group and the former shareholders of Parthus own approximately 50.1% and 49.9%, respectively, of the common stock of ParthusCeva.
- ParthusCeva assumed all outstanding Parthus share options and the option plans and option agreements that govern them. These options continue with the same terms and conditions, except that they have become options to purchase shares of ParthusCeva's common stock and have been adjusted in the manner set forth below. Option holders will no longer be able to obtain Parthus shares or ADSs upon exercise of such options.
- The number of shares of ParthusCeva's common stock purchasable upon the exercise of each Parthus option is equal to the number of Parthus shares underlying the option, adjusted to take into account the conversion of Parthus shares into ParthusCeva shares. The exercise price per share was also adjusted proportionately.

#### **Adjustment of Exercise Prices of Parthus Options**

Parthus and Ceva have agreed to the repricing of certain Parthus options, as further described below. The repricing will take place only if DSP Group receives a supplemental private letter ruling to the effect that the repricing of Parthus options does not adversely affect the private letter ruling previously received from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

If DSP Group receives the supplemental private letter ruling, then immediately prior to the effective time of the combination, the exercise price of existing Parthus options that had an exercise price in excess of \$0.267 per ordinary share (\$2.67 per ADS) was adjusted to \$0.267 per ordinary share (\$2.67 per ADS). Options for the acquisition of an aggregate of 92,420,680 Parthus ordinary shares (9,242,068 ADSs) were adjusted. These included options to purchase an aggregate of 34,728,340 Parthus ordinary shares (3,472,834 ADSs), which had an aggregate decrease in exercise price of approximately \$6.3 million, or \$1,567,688, \$2,087,357, \$1,770,293, \$712,094 and \$124,956, with respect to Parthus ordinary shares held by Kevin Fielding, Eoin Gilley, Elaine

Coughlan, William McLean and Sven-Christer Nilsson, respectively, each of whom served as a director or executive officer of Parthus and each of whom serves as a director or executive officer of ParthusCeva following the combination.

Parthus and Ceva agreed to effect the adjustment in the exercise price of Parthus options to create a performance-oriented environment for employees in the combined company. Many of the Parthus options had an exercise price significantly in excess of the market price of Parthus shares on July 24, 2002, the date Parthus and Ceva agreed to reprice the Parthus options. Furthermore, the distribution of \$60 million to Parthus shareholders immediately before the combination further reduced the market price of Parthus shares. As a result of the reduction in the market price of Parthus shares, the Parthus options were no longer a meaningful incentive for the Parthus employees. Generally, the exercise price of Ceva's options is equal to or less than the market price of Ceva common stock, based upon the terms of the combination.

We believe the repricing permits both Parthus' and Ceva's employees to have an equally realistic possibility of participating in any increase in share value of ParthusCeva and enhances shareholder value by creating better performance incentives for, and thus increasing retention of, Parthus' employees.

#### **Integration of Operations**

Ceva has contributed its DSP cores licensing business, which employs an aggregate of ● persons and includes facilities of approximately 10,170 square feet located in Herzeliya, Israel, and Parthus has contributed its IP platforms licensing business, totalling ● employees and facilities of approximately 94,000 square feet located in San Jose, California; Dublin, Ireland; Cork, Ireland; Limerick, Ireland; Belfast, Northern Ireland; Northampton, England; Austin, Texas; and Caen, France, to form the business of the combined enterprise.

We do not anticipate any significant relocation of employees, or material relocation or amalgamation of research and development and sales activities in connection with the combination. In view of our target markets, and focused research and development activities, we believe that our business plan can most effectively be implemented, and our development targets best met, by drawing on the existing locations of our respective teams. Consequently, we do not anticipate any material adjustments in facilities. While we anticipate that the DSP cores licensing business and the IP platforms licensing business will be administered and managed on a combined basis, the two businesses will continue to operate as separate businesses in the combined enterprise.

We do expect that there will be integration of management and administrative functions. In that regard, we anticipate that certain activities may be located at our California offices, and others transferred, or enhanced, at our Dublin offices. In addition, we will evaluate all corporate functions, with a view to minimizing duplication of activity and, where possible, achieving costs synergies. Both Parthus and Ceva are experienced in the management of geographically dispersed operations, and we believe that we will be able to maintain effectively operations on a geographically dispersed basis after the combination.

#### ParthusCeva Common Stock

We have filed applications to list our common stock on The Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "PCVA" and on the London Stock Exchange under the symbol "PCV."

#### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

We have never declared or paid any cash dividends on our capital stock and do not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. Our board of directors will have discretion as to whether future dividends will be paid, after taking into account factors such as our financial condition, operating results and current and anticipated cash needs:

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## UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA OF PARTHUSCEVA

The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined consolidated financial statements have been prepared to give effect to the acquisition of Parthus under the purchase method of accounting after giving effect to the pro forma adjustments described in the accompanying notes. This financial data is not intended to be a profit forecast and the profits of ParthusCeva will not necessarily be in line with such data.

The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined consolidated balance sheet as of June 30, 2002 gives effect to the acquisition of Parthus as if it had occurred on that date, and reflects the allocation of the purchase price to the Parthus assets acquired and liabilities assumed, based on their estimated fair values at the date of acquisition based upon Ceva's preliminary estimates of their fair values. The allocation of purchase price for the acquisition is subject to revision when additional information concerning asset and liability valuations is obtained. In the opinion of Ceva's management, the asset and liability valuations for the acquisition will not be materially different from the pro forma financial data presented. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined consolidated financial information reflects Ceva's best estimates; however, the actual financial position and results of operations may differ significantly from the pro forma amounts reflected herein because of various factors, including, without limitation, access to additional information, changes in value and changes in operating results between the date of preparation of the unaudited pro forma condensed financial information and the date on which the transaction closed, and the number of shares outstanding of DSP Group and Parthus and the value of the combined company's shares. The excess of the consideration given by Ceva in the transaction over the fair value of Parthus' identifiable assets and liabilities has been recorded as goodwill. Goodwill will be tested for impairment on an annual basis. Patents will be amortized over their useful lives, unless the useful life is deemed to be indefinite. An intangible asset with an indefinite useful life will not be amortized until its useful life is determined to be no longer indefinite. Intangible assets that are amortized will be reviewed for impairment annually and on an interim basis. Any portion of the purchase price allocated to in-process research and development and stock based compensation expenses related to vested Ceva options, which will be measured upon the consummation of the combination of Ceva with Parthus based on the fair market value of Ceva's common stock, will be charged to expenses immediately upon the consummation of the transaction.

The following unaudited pro forma condensed combined consolidated statements of operations for the sixmonth period ended June 30, 2002 and for the year ended December 31, 2001 give effect to the transaction as if it had occurred on January 1, 2001 and combine the historical statements of operations of Ceva and Parthus for those periods. Integration costs are not included in the accompanying pro forma condensed combined consolidated financial statements.

This pro forma information should be read in conjunction with the respective consolidated historical financial statements (including notes thereto) of Ceva and Parthus included in this prospectus.

Unaudited pro forma condensed combined consolidated financial information is presented for illustrative purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the financial position or results of operations that would have actually been reported had the transaction occurred at the beginning of the periods presented, nor is it necessarily indicative of future financial position or results of operations. These unaudited pro forma condensed combined consolidated financial statements are based upon the respective historical financial statements of Ceva and Parthus and do not incorporate, nor do they assume, any benefits from cost savings or synergies of the combined company. The pro forma adjustments are based on available financial information and certain estimates and assumptions that Ceva believes are reasonable and that are set forth in the notes to the unaudited pro forma condensed combined consolidated financial statements.

### PARTHUSCEVA, INC.

# UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET As of June 30, 2002

(U.S. Dollars in Thousands)

	Ceva, Inc.	Parthus Technologies Plc	Pro forma adjustments	References	Pro forma
		listorical	aujustinents	References	Combined
ASSETS					
Current Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ —	\$114,101	\$(23,458)	A, B, G, H	\$ 90,643
Trade receivables, net	8,683	5,421	ψ(23, 136) —	11, 2, 0, 11	14,104
Other accounts receivable and prepaid	0,002	5,121			1,,10
expenses	1.592	3,968	(1,079)	G	4,481
Deferred income tax	240	_	<del>-</del>		240
Inventories	125	517	<del>_</del> .		642
Total current assets	10,640	124,007	(24,537)		110,110
Long term lease deposits	209	124,007	(24,337)		209
Severance pay fund	1,197	<del>_</del> ·			1,197
Property and equipment, net	2,498	6.617	_		9.115
Investments	<b>2</b> , 170	4,500			4,500
Goodwill		63,579	728	C, E	64,307
Other intangible assets	<del></del> '	3,752	45,000	D, F	48,752
Total Assets	\$14,544			,-	
Total Assets	<del>314,344</del>	\$202,455	\$ 21,191		\$238,190
LIABILITIES AND					
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current Liabilities:				*	
Trade payables	\$ 1,582	\$ 4,680	\$ <del></del>		\$ 6,262
Accrued expenses and other payables	2,158	12,718	_	*	14,876
Related party—DSP Group Inc	'	·	6,095	P	6,095
Income taxes payable	783	1,554	_		2,337
Deferred revenues	62	3,914	· · ·		3,976
Total current liabilities	4,585	22,866	6,095		33,546
Accrued severance pay	1,221	<del>-</del>			1,221
Total liabilities	5,806	22,866	6,095		34,767
Parent company investment	8,718	_	(8,718)	P, Q	
Stockholders' equity	20	179,589	. , ,	B, J, G, K, I, Q, H	203,423
Total Liabilities and Stockholders'					
Equity	\$14,544	\$202,455	\$ 21,191		\$238,190

See accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma condensed combined consolidated financial statements.

### PARTHUSCEVA, INC.

## UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the year ended December 31, 2001 (U.S. Dollars in Thousands Except Per Share Data)

	Ceva, Inc.	Parthus Technologies Plc	Pro forma adjustments	References	Pro forma combined
	Н	istorical			
Revenues	\$25,244	\$ 40,919	\$ —		\$ 66,163
Cost of revenues	1,251	12,064		•	13,315
Gross profit	23,993	28,855			52,848
Operating expenses			•		
Research and development, net	5,095	28,578	· —		33,673
Marketing and sales	2,911	10,857			13,768
General and administration	2,839	7,171			10,010
Amortization of other intangible assets		9,195	555	L, M	9,750
In process research and development	·	10,895			. 10,895
Amortization of noncash stock compensation		1,806	1,865	N, O	3,671
Restructuring charge		765			765
Total operating expenses	10,845	69,267	2,420	•	82,532
Income (loss) from operations	13,148	(40,412)	(2,420)		(29,684)
Financial income, net	462	6,153			6,615
Minority interest		(100)		• • •	(100)
Income (loss) before taxes on income	13,610	(34,359)	(2,420)		(23,169)
Taxes on income	3,255	300	_		3,555
Net income (loss)	\$10,355	\$(34,659)	\$(2,420)		\$(26,724)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	<del></del>				\$ (1.48)
Weighted average number of shares of Common					<del> </del>
Stock used in computation of basic and diluted					
loss per share (in thousands)					18,003
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See accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma condensed combined consolidated financial statements.

### PARTHUSCEVA, INC.

# UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS

For the six months ended June 30, 2002 (U.S. Dollars in Thousands Except Per Share Data)

	Ceva, Inc.	Parthus Technologies Plc	Pro forma adjustments		Pro forma combined
	H	listorical	· R		
Revenues	\$8,682	\$21,491	\$ —		\$30,173
Cost of revenues	616	4,644	<u>·</u>		5,260
Gross profit	8,066	16,847	<del>-</del> :		24,913
Operating expenses		• .			
Research and development, net	3,216	12,705	<del></del>		15,921
Marketing and sales	1,493	4,436	_ `		5,929
General and administration	1,355	2,979		•	4,334
Amortization of other intangible assets	. —	680	4,195	L, M	4,875
Amortization of noncash stock compensation	<del>-</del>	1,050	980	N, O	2,030
Loss on disposal of division		213	<del>-</del>	•	213
Loss on disposal of division		1,463	(1,463)	R	<u> </u>
Total operating expenses	6,064	23,526	3,712		33,302
Income (loss) from operations	2,002	(6,679)	(3,712)		(8,389)
Financial income, net	50	1,122	_	· i	1,172
Income (loss) before taxes on income	2,052	(5,557)	(3,712)		(7,217)
Taxes on income	542				542
Net income (loss)	\$1,510	\$ (5,557)	\$(3,712)		\$ (7,75 <u>9</u> )
Basic and diluted net loss per share					\$ (0.43)
Weighted average number of shares of Common Stock used in computation of basic net loss per			•	• •	
share (in thousands)					<u>18,003</u>

See accompanying notes to unaudited pro forma condensed combined consolidated financial statements.

#### NOTES TO PARTHUSCEVA UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. BASIS OF PRO FORMA PRESENTATION

On April 4, 2002, Ceva, Inc. ("Ceva" or "the Company") entered into an agreement to acquire 100 percent of the outstanding share capital of Parthus Technologies plc ("Parthus"), an Irish company, in consideration of the assumed issuance of 8,983,326 shares of Ceva's common stock equal to 49.9% of the aggregate number of shares of Ceva's common stock outstanding immediately after the acquisition.

The total consideration for the acquisition is approximately \$179 million (including \$6 million of costs related to the acquisition), which will be financed by an assumed issuance of 8,983,326 shares of common stock of the Company. However, the actual number of shares of common stock to be issued by Ceva, and the related consideration, will depend on the actual number of ordinary shares of Parthus and Common Stock of DSP Group (the "Parent") outstanding on the closing date of the acquisition, as well as the market price of the Company's common stock at that date. The transaction has been accounted for using the purchase method of accounting, and accordingly, the purchase price has been allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based upon their fair values at the date the acquisition was completed. Because Ceva had no outstanding shares traded in a public market on the date the transaction was announced, the value of the consideration given was not objectively evidenced. Accordingly, it was determined, based upon related authoritative guidance, to value this transaction based on the closing price of ParthusCeva's common stock on the consummation date of the transactions. The closing share price of Parthus' ADSs on the Nasdaq National Market on July 18, 2002 was used in this pro forma presentation as the best estimate for the value of Ceva's common stock to be issued, as if the consummation of the transactions had occurred on that date, as the value of Ceva's common stock to be issued is expected to approximate the value of the purchased Parthus ordinary shares. In a similar manner, the number of shares used was the number of outstanding shares of DSP Group common stock and Parthus ordinary shares on that same date. As a result, the pro forma financial information presented herein is not necessarily indicative of the final value of the consideration, which will be determined at the consummation date based on the actual number of shares of ParthusCeva's common stock issued and the market price per share of ParthusCeva's common stock as of the consummation date. Ceva will adjust its shares outstanding prior to the distribution by means of an issuance of shares to DSP Group in exchange for the assets contributed, followed by a surrender of shares of Ceva common stock by DSP Group to Ceva for no consideration.

The number of shares to be issued upon the combination was calculated as follows:

Number of Ceva's common stock currently issued to DSP Group	20,000,000
without consideration of all outstanding Ceva's common stock not distributed to DSP's	
Group's stockholders)	9,019,331(X)
Percentage of Ceva's common stock held by former DSP Group's stockholders	
post-combination	50.1%
Total number of ParthusCeva's common stock outstanding post-combination	18,002,657(Y)
Number of shares to be issued to former Parthus shareholders (constituting 49.9%	
of the ParthusCeva's common stock post-combination):	8,983,326(Y-X)

The Ceva options issued in exchange for Parthus options are valued herein by applying the Black-Scholes valuation model to the Parthus options in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 44 ("FIN 44"), "Accounting for Certain Transactions Involving Stock Compensation—an Interpretation of APB 25." The calculations were made using the following assumptions: (i) valuation date is July 18, 2002, (ii) market share price is \$2.673, which represents the fair value of the Ceva common stock after the \$60 million cash capital repayment by Parthus to its shareholders, (iii) risk-free interest rate is 2%, (iv) volatility is 60%, (v) time to expiration is 5 years and (vi) annual dividend rate is 0%. The calculations were made after taking into consideration the repricing of

## NOTES TO PARTHUSCEVA UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued)

certain Parthus options and changes made as a result of Parthus' \$60 million cash repayment of capital to the Parthus shareholders. The intrinsic value of unvested options of Parthus has been allocated to deferred compensation. Such deferred compensation was deducted from the fair value of the awards in determining the amount of the purchase price. The final amount of deferred compensation will also be determined on the consummation date based on the closing price of ParthusCeva's common stock on that date. The calculation of the deferred compensation amounting to \$666,000 was based on the number of Parthus unvested options outstanding multiplied by the intrinsic value, which is the difference between the market price on July 18, 2002 of \$2.673 (giving effect to the \$60 million cash capital repayment by Parthus to its shareholders) and the various exercise prices. This deferred compensation was deducted from the fair value of the awards in determining the amount of the purchase price.

The purchase consideration is estimated as follows (U.S. Dollars in thousands):

Common Stock(1)	\$158,033
Assumption of Parthus options	15,893
Less—Deferred compensation	(666)
Estimated transaction expenses	6,000
Total consideration(2)	\$179,260

(1) The value of the 8,983,326 shares of Ceva's common stock to be issued upon the consummation of the acquisition was calculated based on the market price of Parthus' ADSs on July 18, 2002 and after taking into consideration the future repayment of capital by Parthus to its shareholders in the amount of \$60 million, as follows (U.S. Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data):

Number of Parthus' ADSs outstanding*	58,936
Price per ADS	
Total value of Parthus' ADSs	
Less—Repayment of capital to be made	\$ (60,000)
Net value	\$158,033

<sup>\*</sup> Assuming all ordinary shares were held in the form of ADSs

(2) The preliminary purchase price allocation, which is subject to change based on Ceva's final analysis, is as follows (U.S. Dollars in thousands):

Tangible assets acquired	\$ 75,124
Intangible assets acquired:	
Patents	48,752
Goodwill	64,307
In-process research and development	16,480
Liabilities assumed	(22,866)
Merger and restructuring costs	(2,537)
Total consideration	\$179,260

## NOTES TO PARTHUSCEVA UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued)

In accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," goodwill arising from acquisitions would not be amortized. In lieu of amortization, Ceva is required to perform an annual and interim impairment review. If Ceva determines, through the impairment review process, that goodwill has been impaired, it will record the impairment charge in its statement of operations. Ceva will also assess the impairment of goodwill whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable.

#### 2. PRO FORMA ADJUSTMENTS

The amount of the excess cost attributable to in-process research and development of Parthus is estimated to be approximately \$16.48 million. This amount will be recorded as a separate item line "In process research and development write-off" during the fiscal quarter in which the acquisition is consummated. Stock based compensation expenses related to measurement of vested options granted to Ceva's employees is estimated to be approximately \$2.3 million. This amount will be recorded during the fiscal quarter in which the combination is consummated. These expenses have not been included in the pro forma condensed combined consolidated statements of operations, as they do not represent a continuing expense.

Adjustments included in the pro forma condensed combined consolidated balance sheet and statements of operations are summarized as follows:

- (A) Distribution of \$60 million cash to Parthus' shareholders by means of a repayment of capital prior to the acquisition.
- (B) Additional cash investment of \$44 million by DSP Group prior to the acquisition (representing DSP Group's contribution of cash equal to \$40 million, plus the amount by which transaction expenses have been estimated to exceed \$2 million).
  - (C) Valuation of Parthus' intangible assets allocated to goodwill of \$64.3 million.
  - (D) Valuation of Parthus' intangible assets allocated to patents of \$49 million.
  - (E) Elimination of Parthus' goodwill from previous acquisitions of \$63.6 million.
  - (F) Elimination of Parthus' patents from previous acquisitions of \$3.7 million.
- (G) Transaction costs paid by Ceva of \$6 million, out of which \$1 million were already paid as of June 30, 2002 and included in prepaid expenses.
  - (H) Transaction costs paid by Parthus of \$2.5 million.
  - (I) Elimination of Parthus' shareholders' equity accounts of \$180 million.
  - (J) Shares and options issued upon the acquisition by Ceva valued at \$173.2 million.
  - (K) Write-off of estimated acquired in-process research and development of \$16.5 million.
- (L) Elimination of goodwill and patents amortization recorded in Parthus from previous acquisitions of \$9.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2001 and \$680,000 for the six month period ended June 30, 2002.
- (M) Amortization of patents (amortized over 5 years) of \$9.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2001 and \$4.8 million for the six month period ended June 30, 2002.

## NOTES TO PARTHUSCEVA UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONDENSED COMBINED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued)

- (N) Amortization of deferred stock compensation arising from the measurement of Ceva's options of \$1.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2001 and \$819,000 for the six month period ended June 30, 2002.
- (O) Amortization of deferred stock compensation arising from the options exchanged in the acquisition of \$333,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001 and \$167,000 for the six month period ended June 30, 2002.
- (P) Conversion of DSP Group's investment account in Ceva into an inter-company account of approximately \$6.1 million between Ceva and DSP Group. This amount will be settled between the parties under the terms of the Separation Agreement whereby DSP Group will retain all rights to Ceva's accounts receivable existing on the date of the separation and will also retain certain of Ceva's current liabilities existing on the date of separation.
- (Q) Conversion of DSP Group's investment account in Ceva into stockholders equity, consisting of the value of property and equipment and inventory assigned by DSP Group upon consummation of the combination of \$2.6 million.
  - (R) Elimination of combination costs paid by Parthus.

The pro forma combined stockholders' equity, after appropriate reclassifications, comprises the following (U.S. Dollars in thousands):

Common stock, \$0.001 par value	\$	18
Additional paid in capital		
Deferred compensation		(666)
Accumulated deficit	(	(16,480)
Total stockholders' equity	\$2	203,423

Shares used in the pro forma net loss per share calculation reflect approximately 18.0 million shares of Common Stock of Ceva, Inc. as if they had been outstanding from January 1, 2001. Pro forma weighted average number of shares used in computing basic and diluted net loss per share excludes employee stock options outstanding in each period because they are anti-dilutive.

#### 3. SENSITIVITY ANALYSIS:

As explained in Note 1 to these unaudited pro forma condensed combined financial data, the final determination of the purchase price will be calculated based on the closing market price of ParthusCeva's Common Stock at the date of the consummation date of the combination.

The following table represents the anticipated goodwill, total assets and total stockholders' equity that would result from different price per share at the date of the closing:

	Price per Parthus ADS (US Dollars)							
	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$3.69	\$4.00	\$4.50			
			(in thousands)	,				
Goodwill and other intangible assets	\$ 39,901	\$ 71,008	\$113,059	\$132,059	\$162,259			
Total assets	165,032	196,139	238,190	257,190	287,390			
Stockholders' equity	\$130,265	\$161,372	\$203,423	\$222,423	\$252,623			

#### SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA OF CEVA

#### Selected Historical Consolidated Financial Data of Ceva

The following selected historical consolidated financial data of the DSP cores licensing business of DSP Group transferred to Ceva should be read in conjunction with, and are qualified by reference to, our consolidated financial statements and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations."

The consolidated statement of income data for 1999 through 2001 and the consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2000 and 2001 are extracted from, and are qualified by reference to, the audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus, which have been audited by Kost Forer & Gabbay, a member of Ernst & Young Global, our independent auditors. The selected consolidated statement of income data for 1997 and 1998 and the selected consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 1997 through 1999 are extracted from our audited consolidated financial statements not included in this prospectus. The consolidated financial data as of June 30, 2002 and for the six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2002 are extracted from unaudited financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus. We have prepared the unaudited information on the same basis as the audited consolidated financial statements and have included all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, that we consider necessary for a relevant fair presentation of our financial position and operating results for these periods.

The financial information below reflects the separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group, and is presented as if this business had operated as a separate entity throughout the relevant periods. This information has been extracted from the consolidated financial statements of DSP Group using the historical results of operations and historical bases of assets and liabilities of our DSP cores licensing business. These historical results may not necessarily be indicative of what our results of operations and financial position would have been had this business operated as a separate company during the periods presented, nor are they an indicator of future performance.

Siv Months

		Year I	Six Months Ended June 30,				
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	.2001	2002
			(in thousand	ls)			
Consolidated Statement of Income Data: Revenues:						,	
Licenses and royalties Technical support, maintenance and	\$6,790	\$11,614	\$16,249	\$19,951	\$20,959	\$10,666	\$6,995
other	1,975	1,630	1,952	2,959	4,285	2,322	1,687
Total revenues	8,765 288	13,244 280	18,201 207	22,910 410	25,244 1,251	12,988 607	8,682 616
Gross profit	8,477	12,964	17,994	22,500	23,993	12,381	8,066
Research and development, net	2,692	3,404	3,230	4,835	5,095	2,688	3,216
Selling and marketing	1,012	1,137	1,997	2,466	2,911	1,330	1,493
General and administrative	1,877				2,839	1,354	1,355
Total operating expenses	5,581	6,561	7,707	10,111	10,845	5,372	6,064
Operating incomeFinancial income, net	2,896 92	6,403 174	10,287 292	12,389 322	13,148 462	7,009 221	2,002 50
Income before taxes on income	2,988	6,577	10,579	12,711	13,610	7,230	2,052
Taxes on income (benefit)	(397)	359	1,453	3,438	3,255	1,123	542
Net income	\$3,385	\$ 6,218	\$ 9,126	\$ 9,273	\$10,355	\$ 6,107	\$1,510
		•		Decembe	er 31,	•	June 30,
		19	997 199	98 1999	2000	2001	2002
				(in thous	ands)		
Consolidated Balance Sheet Data Working capital				893 \$1,17	•	. ,	\$ 6,055
Total assets		\$2.	,093 \$3,8	31 \$6,91	5 \$9,615	\$12,197	\$14,544
investment		<u>\$</u>	709 \$1,6	<u>\$2,55</u>	6 \$2,020	\$ 4,345	\$ 8,738

#### SELECTED HISTORICAL CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA OF PARTHUS

The consolidated financial data set forth below for the years 1999, 2000 and 2001 have been extracted from Parthus' audited consolidated financial statements, which appear elsewhere in this prospectus. The consolidated financial data set forth below for the years 1997 and 1998 have been extracted from Parthus' audited consolidated financial statements not included in this prospectus. The consolidated financial data for the six-month periods ended June 30, 2001 and 2002 have been extracted from our unaudited interim consolidated financial statements, which appear in this prospectus. The interim financial statements include all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary for a fair statement of the results of Parthus for the unaudited six-month periods ended June 30, 2001 and 2002. Parthus has prepared its consolidated financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, and Parthus' financial statements have been audited by KPMG, independent chartered accountants. The data set forth below should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and Parthus' audited consolidated financial statements and the related notes for the three years ended December 31, 2001 included elsewhere in this prospectus.

		Year	Year Ended December 31,				hs Ended e 30,
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002
			(in thousar	nds, except per	share data)		
Statement of Operations Data:			,			•	
Revenue					-		
IP license	\$	\$ 119	\$ 5,214	\$ 16,059	\$ 29,998	\$ 13,016	\$ 18,766
IP creation	12,820	15,450	13,826	12,433	6,756	4,302	1,427
Hard IP		<u> </u>		3,428	4,165	2,625	1,298
Total revenue	12,820	15,569	19,040	31,920	40,919	19,943	21,491
Cost of revenue							
IP license		· —	• 983		5,052	2,149	2,943
IP creation	7,459	8,621	8,325	8,334	4,751	3,034	1,002
Hard IP				2,116	2,261	1,423	699
Total cost of revenue	7,459	8,621	9,308	13,410	12,064	6,606	4,644
Gross margin	5,361	6,948	9,732	18,510	28,855	13,337	16,847
Research and development	1,086	3,372	7,128	19,090	29,994	13,744	13,516
Sales and marketing	812	1,200	2,479	9,012	11,054	5,604	. 4,554
General and administrative	1,031	1,369	2,994	9,741	7,364	3,790	3,100
Amortization of goodwill & intangible assets		· · · —	, —	1,081	9,195	1,674	680
In-process research & development charge	_	-	·		10,895	·	
Restructuring charge		_			765	_	
ParthusCeva merger costs		· <u> </u>		-		_	1,463
Loss on disposal of facility		_	· <u> </u>			_	213
Total operating expenses	2,929	5,941	12,601	38,924	69,267	24,812	. 23,526
Income (loss) from operations	2,432	1,007	(2,869)	(20,414)	(40,412)	(11,475)	(6,679)
Interest income, net	56	127	145	5,346	6,394	3,784	1,337
Foreign exchange gain (loss)		_	241	434	(241)	(89)	(215)
Minority interest	(183)	(186	) (75)	(204)	(100)	(100)	
Income (loss) before income taxes	2,305	948	(2,558)	) (14,838)	(34,359)	(7,880)	(5,557)
Provision for income taxes	(312)	(231)		(1,205)		, , ,	
Net income (loss)	1,993	717	(2,558)	(16,043)	(34,659)	(8,180)	(5,557)
Preferred dividends		(29)	(54)	(15)			
Net income (loss) available to ordinary							
shareholders	\$ 1,993	\$ 688	\$ (2,612)	(16,058)	\$ (34,659)	\$ (8,180)	\$ (5,557)
Net income (loss) per ordinary share Basic and							
diluted	\$ 0.006	\$ 0.002	\$ (0.007)	) \$ (0.034)	\$ (0.062)	\$ (0.015)	\$ (0.010)
Shares used in computing net income (loss) per							
ordinary share				<u> </u>			
Basic	314,022,800	317,075,870	362,473,760	471,389,525	558,946,827	538,661,930	583,404,690
Diluted	356,688,700	386,074,820	362,473,760	471,389,525	558,946,827	538,661,930	583,404,690

Non-cash stock compensation expenses for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 and for the six months ended June 30, 2001 and 2002 have been recorded as follows:

	Year ended December 31,			Six months ended June 30,		
	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002	
	. —•	. —— (	in thousan	ds)		
Research and development	\$36	\$ 923	\$1,416	\$590	\$ 811	
Sales and marketing	. 12	120	197	83	118	
General and administrative	4	4,497	193	83	121	
	\$52	\$5,540	\$1,806	\$756	\$1,050	

Parthus adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards, otherwise known as SFAS, No. 142 effective January 1, 2002. Under SFAS No. 142, goodwill is no longer amortized, but instead is tested for impairment at least annually. The following table provides a reconciliation of reported net income (loss) to adjusted net income (loss) and net income (loss) per ordinary share excluding goodwill amortization for all periods presented.

**	Year ended December 31,						Six months ended June 30,	
	1997	1998	1999	200	00 2001	2001	2002	
and the second s	(in thousands, except per share data)						· <del></del>	
Reported net income (loss)	\$1,99	3 \$ 68	38 \$(2,6)	12) \$(16,	058) \$(34,6	59) \$(8,180	) \$(5,557)	
Add back goodwill amortization						24 942		
Adjusted net income	\$1,99	\$ 68	<u>\$(2,6)</u>	12) \$(16,	058) \$(26,8	35) \$(7,238	\$(5,557)	
Basic and diluted net income (loss) per								
ordinary share	\$0.00	6 \$0.00	02 \$(0.00	07) \$ (0.	034) \$ (0.0	62) \$(0.015	) \$(0.010)	
Add back goodwill amortization	. —			<u></u>	0.0	14 0.004	<del></del> _	
Adjusted basic and diluted net income								
(loss) per ordinary share	\$0.00	\$0.00	<u>\$(0.00</u>	<u>07</u> ) <u>\$ (0.</u>	034) \$ (0.0	48) \$(0.011	\$(0.010)	
	•							
		December 31,				2001	June 30,	
		1997	1998		1999 2000			
Balance Sheet Data:	•			(in	thousands)			
Cash and cash equivalents		\$3,415	\$14,350	\$10,314	\$159,865	\$121,503	\$114,101	
Working capital		3,365	13,117	8,057	147,386	107,273	101,141	
Total assets		7,626	19,208	16,900	179,246	205,820	202,455	
Minority interest		755	989	909	1,001		<del></del>	
Redeemable shares		987	2,598	1,635			_	
Total shareholders' equity		\$3.558	\$12.109	\$ 7.881	\$157.516	\$182.087	\$179.589	

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The discussion below of the financial condition and results of operations of our DSP cores licensing business assumes that this business had operated as a stand-alone entity for the periods presented. This discussion does not give effect to the combination of this business with Parthus.

The discussion below of the financial condition and results of operations of Parthus does not give effect to the combination of Parthus with the DSP cores licensing business.

You should read the following discussion together with Ceva's and Parthus' consolidated financial statements and the related notes included elsewhere in this prospectus. This discussion contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of various factors, including those set forth under "Risk Factors" and elsewhere in this prospectus.

#### **DSP Cores Licensing Business—Overview**

Our DSP cores licensing business develops and licenses designs of programmable digital signal processor (DSP) cores and DSP core-based sub-systems. A programmable DSP is a special-purpose, software-controlled processor that, through complex mathematical calculations, analyzes, manipulates and enhances digital voice, audio and video signals. The programmable DSP cores we design are used as the central processors in semiconductor chips made for specific applications. These chips are used in a wide variety of electronic devices, including digital cellular telephones, modems, hard disk drive controllers, MP3 players, voice over packet products and digital cameras, and are critical to the performance of the electronic products in which they are used. A DSP core-based sub-system incorporates additional hardware blocks required as interfaces from the DSP core for the overall system.

Our DSP cores product line, first introduced in 1991, consists of a family of five DSP core designs and one DSP core-based sub-system, the XpertTeak, that are sold under the SmartCores brand name throughout the world. Each of our SmartCores products offers a different balance of high performance, power-efficiency and cost-effectiveness. Our designs are independent of specific semiconductor manufacturing processes, and can therefore be used by a wide variety of customers. The DSP cores we design are appropriate for use in both current and emerging applications requiring digital signal processing. We market our designs as well as a wide array of software and hardware development tools and technical support services.

We license our designs to leading semiconductor companies throughout the world. These companies incorporate our cores and core-based subsystems into application-specific chips or custom-designed chips that they manufacture, market and sell to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) of a variety of electronic products. We also license our designs to OEMs directly. To date, we have licensed our cores to more than 60 licensees, including leading semiconductor companies and OEMs such as Atmel, Fujitsu, Infineon Technologies, Kawasaki, LSI Logic, Mitsubishi, National Semiconductor, NEC, Oki, Philips Semiconductors, Samsung, Seiko-Epson, Sony and Tower Semiconductors, some of which have multiple licenses with us. We generate our revenues in our DSP cores licensing business from license and maintenance and support fees and from royalties. Our goal is to establish our licensable DSP cores as the standard in DSP-based chips for high-volume and emerging digital signal processing applications.

For the purpose of separating the DSP cores licensing business and technology activities into an independent company, Ceva was incorporated in Delaware in November 1999 under the name DSP Cores, Inc. as a whollyowned subsidiary of DSP Group and changed our name to Ceva, Inc. in April 2002. We have two wholly-owned subsidiaries, DSP Ceva, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and ParthusCeva, Ltd., an Israeli company wholly owned by DSP Ceva holds our intellectual property rights in the United States and conducts our marketing,

sales and technical support for our U.S. customers. In addition to conducting our research and development activities, ParthusCeva, Ltd. is engaged in marketing, sales, technical support and certain general and administrative functions associated with the sale of our products in areas other than the United States. In addition, we utilize the services of DSP Group and its subsidiaries in Japan and France for sales and technical support activities, and their costs are allocated to us under the transition service agreements with DSP Group and its subsidiaries. For additional information relating to the terms of various agreements we entered into with DSP Group in connection with the separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group, including the separation agreement, the transition services agreements and the technology transfer agreements, please see the section captioned "Separation of DSP Cores Licensing Business from DSP Group."

The financial information presented in this prospectus and Ceva's consolidated financial statements reflect its separation from DSP Group and have been prepared as if the separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group had been in effect throughout the relevant periods. The historical consolidated financial statements show the DSP cores licensing business as a carved out entity from the consolidated financial statements of DSP Group, using the historical results of operations and historical bases of assets and liabilities of our DSP cores licensing business as described in this prospectus. This information may not be indicative of our future financial position, results of operations or cash flows, nor is it necessarily indicative of what our financial position, results of operations or cash flows would have been had we been a separate, stand-alone entity for the periods presented. We have not made adjustments to our historical financial information to reflect the significant changes in the cost structure, funding and operations which will result from the separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group and the combination with Parthus, including any increased costs associated with reduced economies of scale, increased marketing expenses related to building our brand, and increased costs associated with being a stand-alone, publicly traded company. Additionally, upon the termination of the transition services agreements with DSP Group and its subsidiaries, we may be required to incur additional expenses for services that DSP Group and its subsidiaries have agreed to provide pursuant to the transition services agreements, including general and administrative services, information services, sales and marketing services and certain research and development services, because the prices charged to us by DSP Group and its subsidiaries for such services may be lower than the prices that we may be required to pay third parties for similar services or the costs of similar services if we undertake them ourselves. As a result, the cost of retaining such services after the termination of the transaction services agreements with DSP Group and its subsidiaries may be higher than the cost allocation for such services reflected in our historical financial statements. However, we do not believe that such additional costs, if any, will be material.

#### **Ceva's Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

Our discussion and analysis of the financial condition and results of operations of our DSP cores licensing business are based upon the consolidated financial statements of this business, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, we evaluate our estimates, including those related to bad debts, taxes on income, financing operations, warranty obligations and contingencies and litigation. Ceva based its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates. In December 2001, the Securities and Exchange Commission requested that all registrants discuss their "critical accounting policies" in the discussion and analysis of their financial condition and results of operations. The Securities and Exchange Commission indicated that a "critical accounting policy" is one which is both important to the portrayal of a company's financial condition and results and requires management's most difficult, subjective or complex judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates about the effect of matters that are inherently uncertain.

Ceva's significant accounting policies are fully described in Note 2 to its consolidated financial statements. Not all of these significant accounting policies, however, require management to make difficult, complex or subjective judgements or estimates. We believe that the DSP cores licensing business' accounting policies relating to revenue recognition, business combination, goodwill and other identifiable intangibles and options to employees described below fit the definition of "critical accounting policies."

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#### Revenue Recognition

The DSP cores licensing business reports revenue in two categories: licensing and royalties, and technical support and other. The first, licensing and royalty revenues are derived from the following: (i) licensing revenues from our license agreements; and (ii) royalty revenues when our licensees sell products incorporating DSP cores technology. Technical support and other revenues are derived from providing training, maintenance and technical support services to our DSP cores licensing customers. All license, royalties and technical support agreements are denominated in U.S. dollars. We recognize revenues based upon the country of origin of our licensees. Therefore, our geographic revenue stream for the DSP cores business fluctuates from period to period depending upon the country of origin of new license agreements signed and recognized in a given period.

We recognize software revenue for the DSP cores licensing business in accordance with SOP 97-2, "Software Revenue Recognition," as amended by SOP 98-9, "Modification of SOP 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition, with Respect to Certain Transactions." Under SOP 97-2, revenues are recognized when: (1) collection is probable; (2) delivery has occurred; (3) the license fee is otherwise fixed or determinable; and (4) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists and no further obligation exists. SOP 97-2 generally requires revenue earned on software arrangements involving multiple elements to be allocated to each element based on the relative fair value of the elements. We have also adopted SOP 98-9, "Modification of SOP 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition with Respect to Certain Transactions," for all multiple element transactions entered into after January 1, 2000. SOP 98-9 requires that revenue be recognized under the "residual method" when vendor specific objective evidence, otherwise known as VSOE, of fair value exists for all undelivered elements and VSOE does not exist for one of the delivered elements. The VSOE of fair value of the undelivered elements (maintenance and technical support) is determined based on the renewal rate or on the price charged for the undelivered element when sold separately. SOP 97-2 specifies that extended payment terms in a software licensing arrangement may indicate that the software license fees are not deemed to be fixed or determinable. If the fee is not fixed or determinable, or if collection is not considered probable, revenue is recognized as payments become due. However, SOP 97-2 specifies that if a company has a standard business practice of using extended payment terms in software licensing arrangements and has a history of successfully collecting the software license fees under the original terms of the software licensing arrangement without making concessions, the company should recognize the software license fees when all other SOP 97-2 revenue recognition criteria are met. We have concluded that, in our DSP cores licensing business, for certain software arrangements with extended payment terms, the "fixed or determinable" presumption has been overcome and software license fees have been recognized upon meeting the remaining SOP 97-2 revenue recognition criteria. Maintenance and technical support revenues included in multiple element arrangements in our DSP cores licensing business are deferred and recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the maintenance and the support agreement or when such services are performed.

#### **Business Combinations**

We account for the combination with Parthus utilizing the purchase method of accounting with Ceva treated as the accounting acquirer. The purchase method of accounting requires the determination of the acquiring entity in all business combinations. Statement 141 provides that all pertinent facts and circumstances should be considered. Statement 141 provides, in particular, a listing of facts and circumstances for consideration in determining the acquirer. Following is an analysis of the such facts and circumstances as applicable to the combination:

#### Voting Rights

DSP Group stockholders will hold shares representing no less than 50.1% of the ParthusCeva common stock issued and outstanding immediately following the combination. Former Parthus shareholders will receive

ParthusCeva common stock representing no more than 49.9% of the ParthusCeva common stock issued and outstanding immediately following the combination. Taking into account the exercise of options granted by DSP Group and options and contingent share issuances granted by Parthus, DSP Group stockholders will hold shares representing between 50.1% to 51% of the ParthusCeva common stock in any scenario.

According to this criteria, Ceva is the legal and accounting acquirer.

#### Minority voting interest

No significant/large minority voting interest will exist in the combined company (ParthusCeva). The largest stockholder of DSP Group will hold approximately 4.5% in the combined company and the largest percentage of voting interests held by one former shareholder of Parthus will be approximately 9% in the combined company. The particular former shareholder of Parthus agreed not to acquire shares of ParthusCeva during a period of one year from the effective date of the combination (except for receipt of stock options meeting certain requirements). Immediately following the combination, no other stockholder of the combined company will hold 5% or more of the issued and outstanding common stock of ParthusCeva.

Since immediately following the combination no shareholders group will hold a significant minority voting interest and since both of the largest existing voting interests will be approximately the same, this criteria does not support either Ceva or Parthus as the acquirer for accounting purposes.

#### Composition of the Board of Directors

The board of directors of ParthusCeva will comprise eight members in total, including five non-executive directors. Four directors will be representatives of DSP Group stockholders and four directors will be representatives of former Parthus shareholders. Except for specific circumstances, generally, matters brought before the board of directors will be made by vote of a majority of the directors.

It has been agreed by the parties that a two year voting agreement will be signed by certain former shareholders of Parthus and stockholders of DSP Group who will hold in the aggregate approximately 18.2% and less than 1%, respectively, of the ParthusCeva common stock outstanding as of the date of the combination (although the voting agreements apply to any additional shares subsequently acquired by such stockholders, including upon the exercise of options).

The voting agreement obligates them to vote together for the election of nominees to serve as members of the ParthusCeva board of directors. Further, with respect to all other matters to be voted on by stockholders, the stockholder must vote either: (X) in accordance with the recommendations of the ParthusCeva board of directors, or (Y) for or against any such matter in the same proportion as the shares owned by all other stockholders that are voted with respect to such matters, if the board of directors makes no such recommendation.

This criteria does not support that either Ceva or Parthus is the acquirer for accounting purposes.

#### Senior Management

Key executives of ParthusCeva will include four executives from DSP Group and five executives from Parthus:

- DSP Group executives will hold the positions of Chairman of the board of directors; Executive Vice President—Business Development and Chief Technology Officer; Vice President and General Manager of the DSP Intellectual Property Licensing Division; and Chief Scientist—DSP Technologies.
- Parthus executives will hold the positions of President and Chief Executive Officer, who will also be a
  board member of ParthusCeva; Vice Chairman; Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer;
  Chief Financial Officer; and Vice President—Sales.

In addition, ParthusCeva will have a management committee to decide on and be responsible for significant issues. This committee will comprise two executives from DSP Group and two executives from Parthus. The Chief Financial Officer of ParthusCeva will be entitled to attend management committee meetings on a non-voting basis. The management committee is to be consulted with respect to any proposed budget, business plan, major policy or business decision before implementation thereof by ParthusCeva or submission thereof to the board for review or approval.

Since the management committee will include two executives from DSP Group and two executives from Parthus, and since key executives of ParthusCeva will include four persons from DSP Group and five persons from Parthus, but with the Chairman from DSP Group, this criteria does not support that either Ceva or Parthus is the acquirer for accounting purposes.

#### Premium Over the Market

FAS 141 indicates that this criteria can be used only if the two combining companies are public companies.

Only Parthus is a public company. Therefore, this criteria is irrelevant to this case.

#### Combining companies' assets, revenues, and earnings

The revenues and net tangible assets of Parthus are greater then those of Ceva. However the gross margin and net income of Ceva significantly exceed those of Parthus.

This criteria does not support either Ceva or Parthus as the acquirer for accounting purposes but in an IP company net income is a more important factor than tangible assets.

#### Distribution of cash

Immediately prior to the closing, Parthus will distribute a \$60 million cash repayment of capital to its shareholders.

The total consideration received by Parthus' shareholders includes both cash and shares. According to this criteria, Ceva is the accounting acquirer.

Ceva is the issuer of the shares in the transaction, and accordingly the legal acquirer.

The FASB notes that in general no one factor set force above is more important than another in identifying the acquirer. Based on the above guidance and analysis, considering especially the fact that DSP Group's stockholders will hold more than 50% (on an actual and on a fully diluted basis) of the voting stock of ParthusCeva, the existence of the management committee, that the Chairman of the board of directors of ParthusCeva is currently an employee of DSP Group, the existence of voting agreements between the largest minority stockholders of ParthusCeva, that the former shareholders of Parthus will receive a \$60 million cash repayment of capital and that Ceva is the legal acquirer, we came to the conclusion that the acquirer for accounting purposes is Ceva.

The business combination of Parthus and Ceva requires management to estimate the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in the combination. These estimates of fair value are based on our business plan for the entities acquired including redundancies, restructuring, use of assets acquired and assumptions as to the ultimate resolution of obligations assumed for which no future benefit will be received. Should the actual use of assets or resolution of obligations differ from our estimates, revisions to the estimated fair values would be required. If a change in estimate occurs after one year of the acquisition, the change would be recorded in our statement of operations.

#### Goodwill and Other Identifiable Intangibles

We assess the impairment of goodwill and other identifiable intangibles whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable. Some factors we consider important which could trigger an impairment review include the following:

- Significant under performance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results;
- Significant changes in the manner of our use of the acquired assets or the strategy for our overall business; and
- Significant negative industry or economic trends.

In accordance with SFAS No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets," on January 1, 2002 we will ceased amortizing goodwill arising from acquisitions completed prior to July 1, 2001. In lieu of amortization, we are required to perform an initial impairment review of our goodwill in 2002 and an annual impairment review thereafter. If we determine through the impairment review process that goodwill has been impaired, we would record the impairment charge in our statement of operations.

#### Accounting for Stock Based Compensation

In accordance with the provisions of the Financial Accounting Standards Board's ("FASB") Statement of Accounting Standard No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation" ("SFAS No. 123"), the Company has elected to follow the Accounting Principles Board's Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees and the related interpretations" ("APB No. 25") in accounting for its employee stock based compensation plan. Because the transfer of the assets and liabilities and employees from DSP Group to Ceva has not yet occurred, the measurement date for valuing the options that had previously granted to Ceva employees will be taking place upon the separation. Consequently, on the measurement date (i.e., separation date) compensation expense, which will be calculated as the difference between actual fair value of ParthusCeva's shares on the separation date (i.e., first trading date) and the exercise prices of the options multiplied by the number of options granted to Ceva employees, may need to be recognized. For the vested options the stock compensation expenses will be recorded immediately on the separation date. For the unvested options, the compensation expenses will be recorded ratably over the remaining vesting period.

#### Results of Operations for the DSP Cores Licensing Business

Six Months Ended June 30, 2002 and 2001

#### **Total Revenues**

The total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business decreased to \$8.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002 from \$13.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2001. This decrease of 33% was due to decreased revenues from licensing royalty revenues in our DSP cores licensing business, as well as decreased technical support and other revenues primarily due to the slowdown in the global economy, which affected our ability to sign new license agreements.

Licensing and royalty revenues accounted for 81% of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to 82% of the total revenues for the same period in 2001. Technical support and other revenues accounted for 19% of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to 18% of the total revenues for the same period in 2001.

We had three customers who generated more than 45% of the revenues for our DSP cores licensing business in the six months ended June 30, 2002, with revenues from these three licensees accounting for approximately 19%, 14% and 12% of total revenues in that period. Revenues from four licensees generated more than 71% of the revenues for our DSP cores licensing business in the six months ended June 30, 2001, with revenues from

these four licensees accounting for approximately 21%, 18%, 17% and 15% of total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business in that period. Generally, the composition of our significant customers that generate greater than 10% of revenues for our DSP cores licensing business varies from quarter to quarter because we generally recognize a substantial amount of the revenues derived from a license agreement during the quarter that the DSP cores technology is delivered to the customer, which is typically during the quarter of signing of the license agreement. As a result, revenues in any given quarter for our DSP cores licensing business are largely dependent on our ability to enter into license agreements with new customers.

#### Licensing and Royalty Revenues

Licensing and royalty revenues for our DSP cores licensing business decreased for the six months ended June 30, 2002 to \$7.0 million from \$10.7 million for the same period in 2001. This decrease of approximately 34% was primarily due to decreases in both licensing revenues and royalty revenues.

#### Licensing Revenues

Licensing revenues for the DSP cores licensing business decreased to \$4.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002 from \$7.0 million for the six months ended June 30, 2001. The decrease of approximately 33% was primarily due to the fact that we received greater revenues from certain of our agreements in 2001, as compared to 2002, primarily because we were able to negotiate higher licensing fees for certain of our products in 2001. We believe our ability to enter into new license agreements in 2002 was particularly hindered by the slowdown in the global wireless and cellular market.

#### Unit and Prepaid Royalty Revenues

Unit and prepaid royalty revenues for our DSP cores licensing business were \$2.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to \$3.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2001. We had nine and seven unit royalty-paying licensees in this business for the six months ended June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The decrease was primarily due to lower per-unit royalties from some of the license agreements in our DSP cores licensing business due to volume pricing, as well as lower overall quantities of products shipped by our licensees that incorporated our technology (mostly in the cellular and hard disk drive markets) for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to the same period in 2001. Royalty-generating licensees for our DSP cores licensing business reported sales of 41.2 million chips incorporating our technology for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to 46.7 million DSP core-based chips for the same period in 2001.

One royalty-generating licensee accounted for 19% of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business for the six months ended June 30, 2002.

#### Technical Support and Other Revenues

Technical support and other revenues for the DSP cores licensing business decreased to \$1.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002 from \$2.3 million for the six months ended June 30, 2001. The decrease of approximately 26% was primarily due to the provision of fewer technical support and related services to our DSP cores licensees in 2002, as compared to 2001, primarily as a result of the slowdown in the global wireless and cellular markets.

#### Geographic Revenue Analysis

For the six months ended June 30, 2002, revenues for the DSP cores licensing business in the United States represented 34% of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business, while Japan represented 8%, the rest of Asia represented 9% and Europe and the rest of the world represented 49% of our total revenues. For the six months ended June 30, 2001, revenues for the DSP cores licensing business in the United States represented 24%

of the total revenues, while Japan represented 19%, the rest of Asia represented 19% and Europe and the rest of the world represented 38% of our total revenue.

#### Cost of Revenues

Cost of revenues for the DSP cores licensing business was \$616,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to \$607,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2001. Cost of revenues for the DSP cores licensing business accounted for 7% of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to 5% of the total revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2001. The increase was primarily due to our lower revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to the same period in 2001. The above resulted in total gross profits for our DSP cores licensing business of 93% and 95% for the six months ended June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively. Cost of revenues consisted for our DSP cores licensing business mainly of payroll of employees involved in providing various technical and support services to our customers and associated facilities expenses.

#### Research and Development Expenses, Net

Research and development expenses for the DSP cores licensing business, net of related research grants we received from the Office of Chief Scientist of Israel magnet programs, were \$3.2 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to \$2.7 million for the six months ended June 30, 2001. For the six months ended June 30, 2002, we recorded \$558,000 in research grants from the magnet programs for the DSP cores licensing business. For the six months ended June 30, 2001, we recorded \$153,000 in these research grants. We have no obligation to pay royalties on the intellectual property developed using these research grants, and all monies received are non-refundable. The increase of approximately 20% in research and development expenses in 2002, as compared to 2001, was primarily due to an 8% increase in the number of engineering personnel and additional investment in the development of our new XpertTeak platform. Research and development expenses as a percentage of total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business were approximately 37% for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to 21% for the six months ended June 30, 2001. The increase of 16% was primarily due to lower revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to the same period in 2001. Research and development expenses for our DSP cores licensing business consisted mainly of payroll for employees involved in research and development, depreciation and maintenance fees relating to equipment and software tools and associated facilities expenses.

#### Sales and Marketing Expenses

Sales and marketing expenses for the DSP cores licensing business increased by 12% to \$1.5 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002 from \$1.3 million for the same period in 2001. This increase was primarily due to an increase in the number of sales and marketing personnel as a result of increased sales and marketing efforts. Sales and marketing expenses as a percentage of total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business were 17% for the six months ended June 30, 2002 as compared to 10% for the six months ended June 30, 2001. The increase was primarily due to lower revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to the same period in 2001. Sales and marketing expenses for our DSP cores licensing business consisted mainly of payroll of direct sales and marketing employees, sales commissions, production of marketing literature and trade show expenses.

#### General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses for the DSP cores licensing business were \$1.4 million for both of the six months ended June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively. General and administrative expenses as a percentage of total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business were 16% for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to 10% for the six months ended June 30, 2001. The increase was primarily due to lower revenues in our DSP cores licensing business for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to the same period in

2001. General and administrative expenses for our DSP cores licensing business consisted mainly of allocated employee, accounting, legal, facility and maintenance costs.

#### Financial Income, Net

Financial income, net, for the DSP cores licensing business was \$50,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to \$221,000 for the six months ended June 30, 2001. This decrease was due primarily to lower net income for in DSP cores licensing business for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to the same period in 2001, which resulted from less income for investment purposes.

#### Taxes on Income

The DSP cores licensing business had an effective tax expense of \$0.5 million and \$1.1 million for the six months ended June 30, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The overall effective tax rate for the six months ended June 30, 2001 was lower than the effective tax rate for the same period in 2002, due to a lower percentage of its revenues generated in the United States, which are subject to higher tax rates than revenues earned elsewhere because revenues earned elsewhere generally benefit from Israeli tax holiday treatment and tax-exempt income status. Revenues generated in the United States for the DSP cores licensing business represented 34% of its total revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to 24% of total revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2001.

#### Years Ended December 31, 2001 and 2000

#### **Total Revenues**

Total revenues for our DSP cores licensing business were \$25.2 million in 2001, as compared to \$22.9 million in 2000. This increase of 10% was primarily the result of an increase in revenues from new licensees of our technology and higher number of technical support agreements.

Licensing and royalty revenues accounted for 83% of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business in 2001, as compared to 87% of the total revenues in 2000. Technical support and other revenues accounted for 17% of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business in 2001, as compared to 13% of the total revenues in 2000. Revenues from three customers accounted for 24%, 15% and 14% of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business in 2001. Revenues from one customer accounted for 18% of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business in 2000.

#### Licensing and Royalty Revenues

Licensing and royalty revenues increased in 2001 to \$21.0 million from \$20.0 million in 2000. This increase of 5% was primarily due to an increase in licensing and royalty revenues that was off-set by a slight decrease in royalty revenues.

#### Licensing Revenues

Licensing revenues for the DSP cores licensing business increased by 9% to \$13.7 million in 2001 from \$12.6 million in 2000 primarily due to more revenues received from certain of our agreements in 2001, as compared to 2000, primarily as a result of higher licensing fees we were able to negotiate for the licensing of certain of our products in 2001.

#### Unit and Prepaid Royalty Revenues

Unit and prepaid royalty revenues for the DSP cores licensing business in 2001 were \$7.3 million, as compared to \$7.4 million in 2000, representing a slight decrease of 1%. Our royalty-paying licensees reported

sales of 79.2 million units of DSP core-based chips incorporating our DSP core technology in 2001, as compared to 111.3 million units in 2000. To date, a majority of the royalties for our DSP cores licensing business have been from PineDSPCores and OakDSPCores. In 2001, our first TeakLite DSP Core licensee started to ship products utilizing our TeakLite technology, and 47% of our total unit and prepaid royalties in 2001 were generated from the agreement with this TeakLite DSP core licensee, which generates higher royalty revenues than our license agreements for Pine and Oak Cores. In the future, we expect more of the royalties for our DSP cores licensing business to be derived from our newer products, Teak, TeakLite and PalmDSPCore.

#### Technical Support and Other Revenues

Technical support and other revenues for the DSP cores licensing business increased to \$4.3 million in 2001 from \$2.9 million in 2000, representing an increase of 48%. This growth was driven mainly by the increasing number of technical support agreements we entered into with our licensees and the broader offering of applications, services and development tools we licensed in 2001.

#### Geographic Revenue Analysis

In 2001, revenues generated in the Unites States for the DSP cores licensing business represented 43% of its total revenues, while Japan represented 13%, the rest of Asia represented 16% and Europe and the rest of the world represented 28%. In 2000, revenues generated in the United States represented 52% of total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business, while Japan represented 15%, the rest of Asia represented 12% and Europe and the rest of the world represented 21%. The decrease in the revenues generated in the United States was primarily due to fewer licensing deals signed with U.S. companies and recognized in 2001, as compared with 2000.

#### Cost of Revenues

Cost of revenues for the DSP cores licensing business increased significantly to \$1.3 million in 2001 from \$0.4 million in 2000. The increase was primarily due to an increase in support personnel of 233% for our DSP cores licensing business, as our business grew and we began to provide more support to our licensees. We expect the cost of revenues for our DSP cores licensing business to increase in the future as we continue to expand our technical support services for the DSP cores licensing business. Cost of revenues accounted for 5% of the total revenues for our DSP cores licensing business in 2001, as compared to 2% of its total revenues in 2000.

#### Research and Development Expenses, Net

Research and development expenses, net, for the DSP cores licensing business increased by 6% to \$5.1 million in 2001 from \$4.8 million in 2000. Research and development costs for the DSP cores licensing business are net of related research grants from the Office of Chief Scientist magnet programs in Israel. In 2001 and 2000, we recorded \$542,000 and \$578,000, respectively, in these research grants from the magnet programs. We have no obligation to pay royalties on the intellectual property developed using these grants, and all monies received are non-refundable. The increase of approximately 6% in research and development expenses for the DSP cores licensing business in 2001, as compared to 2000, primarily resulted from a slight increase in engineering personnel. We intend to continue to expand our research and development efforts to focus on the development of DSP cores with high performance, low power consumption and manufacturing process independence, while maintaining compatibility with our existing DSP cores products. Research and development expenses for the DSP cores licensing business, as a percentage of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business, were 20% in 2001, as compared to 21% in 2000.

#### Sales and Marketing Expenses

Sales and marketing expenses for the DSP cores licensing business increased to \$2.9 million in 2001 from \$2.5 million in 2000. The increase of approximately 16% in sales and marketing expenses in 2001, as compared

to those in 2000 was primarily due to an increase in commissions paid to our sales representatives. In addition, we incurred higher facility and overhead costs for the services we used from DSP Group's Japanese subsidiary, Nikon DSP K.K., which provides marketing and sales services for our DSP cores licensing business in Japan, and an increase in our market data research and communications efforts. Sales and marketing expenses, as a percentage of total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business, were 12% in 2001 and 11% in 2000.

#### General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses for our DSP cores licensing business were \$2.8 million in both 2001 and 2000. General and administrative expenses as a percentage of total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business decreased to 11% in 2001 from 12% in 2000. The decrease was due to higher total revenues in this business in 2001 as compared to 2000.

#### Financial Income, Net

Financial income, net for our DSP cores licensing business was \$462,000 in 2001, as compared to \$322,000 in 2000. This increase of 43% was due to higher levels of net income in our DSP cores licensing business from operations.

#### Provision for Income Taxes

The DSP cores licensing business had an effective tax rate of 24% in 2001, as compared to 27% in 2000. The decrease in the effective tax rate for the DSP cores licensing business was primarily due to a lower percentage of its total revenues generated in the United States, which are subject to higher tax rates than revenues earned elsewhere because revenues earned elsewhere generally benefit from Israeli tax holiday treatment and tax-exempt income status. Revenues generated in the United States represented 43% of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business in 2001, as compared to 52% of total revenues in 2000. If our United States revenues increase in the future, our effective tax rate may increase as well.

#### Years Ended December 31, 2000 and 1999

#### Total Revenues

Total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business were \$22.9 million in 2000, as compared to \$18.2 million in 1999. This increase of approximately 26% was primarily due to increases in licensing revenues, as well as an increase in royalty revenues.

Licensing and royalty revenues accounted for 87% of the total revenues in the DSP cores licensing business in 2000, as compared to 89% of those total revenues in 1999. Technical support and other revenues accounted for 13% of the total revenues in 2000 for the DSP cores licensing business, as compared to 11% of total revenues in 1999. Revenues from one customer accounted for 18% of the total revenues for this business in 2000, while revenues from four customers accounted for 15%, 12%, 11% and 10% of its total revenues in 1999.

#### Licensing and Royalty Revenues

Licensing and royalty revenues for our DSP cores licensing business increased in 2000 to \$20.0 million from \$16.2 million in 1999. This increase of 23% was primarily due to an increase in both licensing and royalty revenues.

#### Licensing Revenues

Licensing revenues for the DSP cores licensing business increased by 21% from \$10.4 million in 1999 to \$12.6 million in 2000, primarily due to an increased number of licenses of our newer DSP cores products.

#### Unit and Prepaid Royalty Revenues

Unit and prepaid royalty revenues for the DSP cores licensing business increased by 26% to \$7.4 million in 2000, as compared to \$5.9 million in 1999. Royalty-generating licensees of our DSP cores reported sales of approximately 111.3 million units of DSP core-based chips incorporating our technologies in 2000, as compared to approximately 55.3 million units in 1999. Unit and prepaid royalty revenues for this business increased by 38% in 2000 as compared to 1999.

#### Technical Support and Other Revenues

Technical support and other revenues for our DSP cores licensing business increased by 45% to \$2.9 million in 2000 from \$2.0 million in 1999. This increase was primarily due to a different mix and pricing for technical support services and the broader offering of development tools associated with our licenses, as well as a higher number of technical support agreements in 2000, as compared to 1999.

#### Geographic Revenue Analysis

In 2000, revenues generated in the United States represented 52% of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business, while Japan represented 15%, the rest of Asia represented 12% and Europe and the rest of the world represented 21% of these total revenues. In 1999 revenues generated in the United States represented 25% of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business, while Japan represented 37%, the rest of Asia represented 9% and Europe and the rest of the world represented 29% of these total revenues.

#### Cost of Revenues

Cost of revenues for the DSP cores licensing business was \$410,000 in 2000, as compared to \$207,000 in 1999. This increase of approximately 98% was due to the addition to our technical support staff of a third member. Cost of revenues accounted for 2% of the total revenues in 2000 for the DSP cores licensing business, as compared to 1% of these revenues in 1999.

#### Research and Development Expenses, Net

Research and development expenses for the DSP cores licensing business increased to \$4.8 million in 2000 from \$3.2 million in 1999. Research and development costs for the DSP cores licensing business are net of related research grants from the Office of Chief Scientist magnet programs in Israel. In 2000, we received \$578,000 in these research grants, and in 1999 we received \$70,000 in grants. We have no obligation to pay royalties on the intellectual property developed using these grants, and all monies received are non-refundable. The 50% increase of our research and development expenses in 2000, as compared to 1999, was primarily due to an approximate 32% increase in the number of engineering personnel in our DSP cores licensing business, as well as from higher expenses associated with mask charges for our Teak and TeakLite DSP Cores' development chips. Research and development expenses for the DSP cores licensing business, as a percentage of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business, were 21% in 2000 as compared to 18% in 1999.

#### Sales and Marketing Expenses

Sales and marketing expenses for the DSP cores licensing business increased to \$2.5 million in 2000 from \$2.0 million in 1999. This increase of 25% was primarily due to an increase in the compensation paid to our sales and marketing personnel. The increase in expenses was also attributed to our increased sales and marketing efforts, including travel expenses and higher facility costs. Sales and marketing expenses for the DSP cores licensing business were 11% of our total revenues in both 2000 and 1999.

#### General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses for the DSP cores licensing business increased to \$2.8 million in 2000 from \$2.5 million in 1999. This increase of 12% was primarily due to an increase in accounting, tax and legal professional expenses we incurred with respect to preparations for the proposed separation of the licensing division from DSP Group, including the tax planning and filing of an application with the tax authorities in both Israel and the United States in order to receive a tax-free ruling for the separation. General and administrative expenses for the DSP cores licensing business, as a percentage of the total revenues for the DSP cores licensing business, decreased slightly to 12% in 2000 from 14% in 1999.

#### Financial Income, Net

Financial income, net, for the DSP cores licensing business was \$322,000 in 2000 as compared to \$292,000 in 1999. This increase of 10% was primarily due to higher levels of net income in our DSP cores licensing business operations.

#### Provision for Income Taxes

The effective tax rate for our DSP cores licensing business was 27% in 2000 as compared to 14% in 1999. The higher tax rate in 2000 was due to a higher percentage of total revenues generated in the United States, which are subject to higher tax rates than revenues earned elsewhere because revenues earned elsewhere generally benefit from Israeli tax holiday treatment and tax-exempt income status. Revenues generated in the United States for the DSP cores licensing business represented 52% of the total revenues in 2000, as compared to 25% of total revenues in 1999.

#### **DSP Cores Licensing Business Liquidity and Capital Resources**

Prior to the separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group, all of the year end available cash from these operations was transferred to DSP Group. As part of the assets contributed to us in the separation, DSP Group also contributed a total of the sum of \$40 million as initial working capital plus cash equal to the amount by which the transaction costs of the separation and combination exceeded \$2 million.

Operating activities for the DSP cores licensing business provided net cash of \$9.5 million in 2001, \$10.6 million in 2000 and \$9.1 million in 1999. Cash generated from operations in all three years was primarily from net income, and, in 2000 and 1999, the corresponding increases in income tax payables were additionally offset by increases in trade receivables. In 2001, our net income was mainly offset by the increase in our trade receivables. Net cash used during the six months ended June 30, 2002 for operating activities for the DSP cores licensing business was \$2.1 million, as compared to \$3.7 million of net cash provided by operating activities for the six months ended June 30, 2001. Cash used by the DSP cores licensing business during the six months ended June 30, 2002 was primarily due to lower income, a decrease in income tax payable and an increase in other accounts receivable and prepaid expenses, mainly in connection with the separation and combination. Cash generated by this business during the six months ended June 30, 2001 was primarily from net income, which was off-set by decreases in income tax payable.

Cash flow from operations of the DSP cores licensing business has been used to fund working capital requirements, as well as property and equipment expenditures which to date have been relatively low due to the fact that the DSP cores licensing business model requires no manufacturing facilities. Capital equipment purchases of computer hardware and software used in engineering development in the DSP cores licensing business, the company vehicles, furniture and fixtures amounted to approximately \$1.5 million in 2001, \$696,000 in 2000 and \$832,000 in 1999. Capital expenditures for the DSP cores licensing business were \$752,000 during the six months ended June 30, 2002, as compared to \$729,000 during the six months ended June 30, 2001. The high level of expenditures in 2001 as compared to 2000 and to 1999 was due to investments in new software for the design of our next generation of DSP cores for our research and development team.

In the future, we may invest significantly in purchasing new engineering tools for the DSP cores licensing business and renewing current engineering software licenses that we shared with DSP Group prior to the separation. We also may invest in integrating our management, accounting, sales and technical support systems and software with those of Parthus. Additionally, as our business expands, we may need to devote increasing amounts of cash to fund working capital needs, principally for the anticipated increases in headcount and office space expansion.

Future capital requirements for the DSP cores licensing business will depend on a number of factors, including the timing and rate of the expansion of the business of the new combined company. We anticipate a substantial increase in our capital expenditures for the combined company to support anticipated growth in operations, purchases of hardware and software for research and development and increases in personnel. We believe that current working capital and cash flow from operations of the combined company and the remainder of the \$40 million contribution will provide sufficient capital to fund our operations for the next 12 months. We cannot assure you, however, that the underlying assumed levels of revenues and expenses will prove to be accurate. We may need to raise additional funds through public or private financing or other arrangements in order to:

- support more rapid expansion of the business of the new combined company than we currently anticipate;
- develop and introduce new or enhanced DSP core designs or services;
- respond to competitive pressures;
- invest in or acquire complementary businesses or technologies; or
- respond to unanticipated requirements or developments.

We cannot be certain that external financing will be available to us when we need it on favorable terms, if at all. If additional funds are raised through the issuance of equity securities, dilution to existing stockholders may result. Future debt financings could involve restrictive covenants that may limit our ability to manage and grow our business. If sufficient funds are not available, we may not be able to introduce new or enhanced DSP core designs or related services, expand our operations or compete effectively in any of our markets, any of which could materially harm our business, financial condition and results of operations.

#### Seasonality

We have experienced seasonal variations in the operating results of our DSP cores licensing business. Historically it has generated more licensing and prepaid royalty revenues in the last quarter of the fiscal year, which we believe may be due to our licensees' desire to exhaust their year-end budgets as well as prepare for the next year's new design trends. Therefore, licensing and prepaid royalty revenues for the DSP cores licensing business may continue to be higher in the fourth quarter, which could result in our revenues being flat or slightly down in the subsequent fiscal first quarter. See also "Risk Factors." We depend on a relatively small number of licensees in each particular period and our inability to enter into new license agreements in a specific period, as well as other factors, could cause our operating results to fluctuate significantly, which may affect our stock price.

#### DSP Cores Licensing Business—Israeli Taxation and Investment Programs

Our DSP cores licensing business operations have been granted Approved Enterprise status under Israeli law under four separate investment plans which were assigned to us from DSP Group in the separation, and one plan approved for our activities. According to the provisions of such Israeli plans, we have chosen to enjoy "alternative plan benefits," which provide for tax exemption in Israel instead of receipt of governmental grants. Accordingly, our Israeli subsidiary, Corage, Ltd.'s income from an Approved Enterprise is tax-exempt for a period of two or four years, and is subject to a reduced corporate tax rate of 10% or 25% for an additional period of six or eight years subject to the percentage of the company capital stock which is held by non-Israeli shareholders. In addition, by virtue of related Israeli law, Corage, Ltd. is entitled to claim accelerated rates of

depreciation on equipment used by an Approved Enterprise during the first five tax years from the beginning of use of the equipment. We are currently being taxed under the 10% tax bracket for our DSP cores licensing business operations outside of the United States. The period of tax benefits is subject to limits of the earlier of 12 years from the commencement of production, or 14 years from receiving the approval and are scheduled to gradually expire starting in 2005 through 2009. To maintain Corage, Ltd.'s eligibility for these tax benefits, we must continue to meet several conditions, including making specified investments in fixed assets and equity funding. According to the fifth approval we received for our operations from the government of Israel, we were obligated to invest \$970,000 in specified properties by the end of 2002. As of June 30, 2002, we have already invested the required investment amount. Recently we applied for an extension of the plan, pursuant to which we would invest an additional \$1,110,000. We are also obligated to finance thirty percent of these investments by the issuance of additional shares of Corage, Ltd. to its parent company, DSP Ceva, Inc. However, even if we meet these conditions, these programs and tax benefits may not continue in the future at their current levels or at any level, and if we fail to comply with these conditions in the future, the benefits received could be cancelled, we may be required to refund tax benefits already received, and we could be required to pay increased taxes.

We also receive funding as part of our participation in research programs supported by the Office of Chief Scientist operated by Israel's Ministry of Industry and Trade. We have received \$558,000 of royalty-free magnet grants for the six months ended June 30, 2002, \$542,000 in 2001, \$578,000 in 2000 and \$70,000 in 1999. The Israeli government has reduced the benefits available under these programs in recent years and has indicated that it may reduce or eliminate these benefits in the future.

#### DSP Cores Licensing Business—Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

As a significant part of both the revenues and expenses of our DSP cores licensing business are denominated in U.S. dollars, we have experienced only insignificant foreign exchange gains and losses to date. However, although we have not done so to date as part of the DSP cores licensing business, because recent increases in the volatility of the exchange rate of the NIS versus U.S. dollar could have an adverse effect on the expenses that we incur in the State of Israel, we may hedge part of the risk of a devaluation of the NIS in the future. We will ensure that options and forward contracts meet the requirements of cash flow hedges, as defined by SFAS No. 133 (as discussed further below), and are all effective as hedges of these expenses. Such amounts will be recorded in earnings in 2002.

#### **Parthus Overview**

Parthus was established in 1993 as a contract developer of semiconductor intellectual property for semiconductor manufacturers and electronic product manufacturers. Between 1993 and 1998, Parthus accumulated expertise in the design and development of digital, analog, mixed-signal and software technology for our customers, focusing in particular on data storage technologies.

In late 1998 Parthus decided to leverage its existing expertise into new and emerging markets, refocusing its strategy to become a leading supplier of fully integrated platform solutions to electronic product manufacturers and semiconductor manufacturers for applications in the mobile Internet market. With this strategy, Parthus generates revenues from IP licensing, IP creation, and Hard IP.

#### Parthus Principal Developments in 2001

Total revenue for the year increased 28% to \$40.9 million from \$31.9 million in 2000. IP licensing revenue was Parthus' largest revenue stream, accounting for 72% of its total revenue in 2001. Parthus entered into 25 license agreements during the year, including a portfolio license, with 14 new licensing customers, making a total of 74 license agreements in place by December 31, 2001.

In April 2001, Parthus entered into a multi-year technology portfolio licensing and royalty agreement with STMicroelectronics for the complete suite of its mobile Internet IP platforms. In June 2001 Parthus also acquired

the remaining 20% minority interest in Silicon Systems Design Limited from STMicroelectronics for approximately \$13.0 million in cash and approximately 18.4 million new Parthus ordinary shares.

In May 2001, Parthus completed its acquisition of Chicory Systems Inc., a privately held company based in Austin, Texas, for approximately \$11.7 million in cash and approximately 22.2 million Parthus ordinary shares, plus contingent consideration of up to a maximum of 21.9 million additional Parthus ordinary shares issuable upon the achievement of certain performance milestones. Through this transaction, Parthus acquired Chicory's advanced technology for accelerating mobile Internet applications by migrating complex systems software into high-performance silicon.

#### **Parthus Recent Developments**

In April 2002, Parthus signed an agreement with DSP Group, Inc., and Ceva, Inc., providing for the combination of Parthus with Ceva, the intellectual property licensing subsidiary of DSP Group, in a merger of equals. Subject to tax and other regulatory approvals, Parthus anticipates that this transaction will close in the third quarter of 2002.

In the first quarter of 2002 Parthus announced a broad ranging strategic agreement with UbiNetics, an established expert and market leader in 3G wireless device technology. Under a license agreement, UbiNetics will integrate Parthus' GPRS/GSM technology into its 3G WCDMA silicon and software technologies to create a fully integrated multi-mode 2.5G/3G (W-CDMA/GPRS/GSM) solution. Parthus will market this multi-mode 2.5G/3G solution as part of its portfolio of technologies, licensing the solution through its global sales channel and semiconductor relationships. To underpin the alliance, Parthus subscribed for a minority shareholding interest in UbiNetics.

During the first half of 2002, Parthus actively monitored its level of expenses in light of the continued weakness in demand for semiconductor devices, reflecting the market softness for electronic devices generally and wireless communication devices in particular. As a result, Parthus is discontinuing investments in RF and silicon hardware acceleration in order to focus its business on DSP and application processing IP, mixed-signal and wireline communications IP and wireless communications IP. The related reduction in workforce and realignment of resources is expected to result in the incurrence of a one off restructuring charge during the third quarter of fiscal 2002 in the region of US\$3 million.

#### Parthus Revenue

IP license. The intellectual property that Parthus licenses consists of IP that Parthus developed in its IP creation business for other customers in the past, IP developed in Parthus' research and development activities and third-party IP, and consists of circuit designs, software and related documentation that enable a customer to produce integrated circuits and related technology and software.

Fees for Parthus' agreements are payable upon completion of agreed-upon milestones, such as the delivery of specifications and technical documentation. Each license is designed to meet the specific requirements of the particular customer and can vary from rights to allow the customer to incorporate Parthus' technology into the customer's own product to the complete design of a "system-on-a-chip" product by Parthus.

Revenue from Parthus' initial license fees is recognized based on the percentage-of-completion method over the period from signing of the license to customer acceptance. The amount of revenue recognized is based on the total license fees under the license agreement and the percentage to completion achieved. The percentage to completion is measured by monitoring progress using records of actual time incurred to date on the project compared with the total estimated project requirements, which corresponds to the costs of earned revenue. Parthus continuously reviews the expected time of customer acceptance based on Parthus' experience with similar projects and make adjustments in revenue recognition accordingly. As a result of this method of revenue recognition, payment and the recognition of revenue are often not contemporaneous. This timing difference means that Parthus typically has deferred, and may occasionally have accrued, revenue on its balance sheet.

In addition to the initial license fees, Parthus receives revenue in two additional ways under its license agreements: re-use fees and per-unit royalties. Parthus will receive re-use fees each time a manufacturer uses intellectual property licensed from Parthus to manufacture a different product. Per-unit royalties are calculated either as a percentage of the licensee's sale price for products containing Parthus' IP or as a fixed amount per unit sold. Alternatively, licensees may pay a one-time buyout fee in lieu of subsequent re-use fees and per-unit royalties. These per-unit royalties are payable by licensees upon shipment of products and Parthus will recognize revenue as they are earned. Through December 31, 2001, Parthus had entered into 51 contracts that provide for Parthus to receive royalties.

IP creation. Historically, the most significant component of Parthus' revenue arose from payments for IP creation. For 1999, IP creation accounted for 73% of Parthus' total revenue, compared with 39% of Parthus' total revenue in 2000 and 17% of Parthus' total revenue in 2001. Parthus expects its new multi-technology portfolio agreement with STMicroelectronics to result in a further significant reduction in the level of IP creation revenue in absolute terms and as a percentage of revenue, as a greater proportion of Parthus' business with STMicroelectronics will be based on the IP licensing model. As noted above, Parthus' IP creation contracts are usually multi-year contracts. IP creation involves the performance of fee-for-service contracts that are reimbursed on a time-and-materials basis. It is Parthus' policy to retain ownership of, or rights to use, the IP created pursuant to Parthus' IP creation arrangements. Under the overall terms of a typical IP creation contract Parthus agrees to perform specific projects. Parthus recognizes revenue from IP creation when the service has been provided and all obligations to the customer under the contract have been fulfilled.

*Hard IP.* Parthus refers to the incorporation of its intellectual property into reference designs (either as silicon chips or printed circuit boards) as Hard IP.

#### Parthus Cost of Revenue

Cost of IP license revenue includes related labor costs directly attributable to developing or customizing the licensed technology to the customer's specific needs.

Cost of IP creation revenue includes related labor, travel and other non-recoverable costs directly attributable to consulting work performed for third parties as well as the costs of support and maintenance services to licensees.

Cost of Hard IP revenue includes labor costs and materials directly attributable to the production of reference boards incorporating Parthus' IP.

#### **Parthus Gross Margin**

Parthus' IP license margin reflects the economies associated with licensing previously developed technology. Accordingly, Parthus believes that the margins to be earned on Parthus' IP licensing business will continue to be significantly higher than the margins earned on either Parthus' IP creation business or Hard IP business.

#### **Parthus Operating Expenses**

Parthus' operating expenses increased due to Parthus' continued investment, internally and by acquisition, in developing and licensing a strong portfolio of technology platforms.

Research and development expenses for Parthus consist primarily of related labor and associated costs connected with the development of its intellectual property. Because technological feasibility is generally not established until all design, coding and testing activities are completed, Parthus expenses all development costs as incurred. Work that Parthus performs to develop technology for customers on a fee-for-services basis is not

included in research and development expenses; nevertheless, Parthus generally retains the right to use intellectual property developed in this manner. Research and development expenses include payments that Parthus makes to third parties to license technology from them when Parthus incorporates their technology into Parthus' intellectual property as part of Parthus' research and development activities.

Sales and marketing expenses for Parthus consist of related labor costs, including commissions, travel and other costs associated with sales activity, as well as advertising, trade show participation, public relations and other marketing costs.

General and administrative expenses for Parthus consist primarily of related labor and recruitment costs, information systems and technology, infrastructure, facilities costs, telephone and other office costs and depreciation.

#### **Parthus Minority Interest**

Parthus performed much of its IP creation work through its subsidiary Silicon Systems Design Limited. STMicroelectronics owned 20% of that subsidiary until June 29, 2001 at which time Parthus purchased its interest.

#### **Parthus Provision for Income Taxes**

Parthus operates as a holding company with operating subsidiaries in Ireland, the United Kingdom and the United States. Each subsidiary is taxed based on the law of the jurisdiction in which it is incorporated. Because taxes are incurred at the subsidiary level, and one subsidiary's tax losses cannot be used to offset the taxable income of subsidiaries in other tax jurisdictions, Parthus' consolidated effective tax rate may increase to the extent that Parthus reports tax losses in some subsidiaries and taxable income in others. In addition, Parthus' tax rate may be affected by costs that are not deductible in certain jurisdictions for tax purposes, such as amortization of goodwill.

Parthus has significant operations in the Republic of Ireland. Some of Parthus' Irish operating subsidiaries are taxed at rates substantially lower than U.S. or U.K. tax rates. Two Irish subsidiaries currently qualify for a 10% tax rate, which, under current legislation, will remain in force until December 31, 2010, and three other Irish subsidiaries qualify for an exemption from income tax as their revenue source is license fees from qualifying patents within the meaning of Section 234 of the Irish Taxes Consolidation Act 1997. Parthus currently anticipates that Parthus will continue to benefit from this tax treatment, although the extent of the benefit could vary from period to period, and Parthus' tax situation may change. In addition, if these subsidiaries were no longer to qualify for these tax rates or if the tax laws were rescinded or changed, Parthus' operating results could be materially adversely affected.

#### Parthus Currency Risk

A portion of Parthus' revenue, costs, assets and liabilities are denominated in currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Through 2001, Parthus and all of its subsidiaries, other than Parthus' U.S. subsidiaries, had functional currencies other than the U.S. dollar. Parthus has implemented a strategic shift over the past three years from being a contractor of semiconductor IP to being a supplier of platform solutions, with emphasis on licensing to the semiconductor industry. Because this industry is predominantly U.S.-dollar-based, the economic environment in which Parthus operates has consequently shifted to the U.S. dollar. As a result, beginning January 1, 2002, Parthus and certain of its subsidiaries adopted the U.S. dollar as their functional currency. The principal economic facts and circumstances which led Parthus to conclude a change was appropriate were: (i) the increase in US dollar denominated cash that Parthus held; (ii) a shift in business focus from intellectual property (IP) creation (primarily contract research and development) to IP licensing; and (iii) the increase in US operations and other US dollar denominated costs. Each of these factors is described in more detail below.

#### Change in Capitalization

Prior to Parthus' initial public offering in May 2000, Parthus satisfied its working capital requirements and fixed asset expenditures through cash generated by operations and equity private placements. In May 2000, Parthus received approximately US\$140.2 million of gross proceeds from the initial public offering of its ordinary shares and ADSs, and in November 2000, Parthus received approximately US\$23.9 million of gross proceeds from a follow-on offering of Parthus' ordinary shares and ADSs. Over 90% of Parthus' current cash balances are held in US dollar accounts which Parthus draws on as required to fund working capital requirements and fixed asset expenditures.

#### Change in Business Focus

Parthus has historically derived the majority of its revenues from research and development contracts. The cash inflows and outflows under these arrangements were generally in currencies other than the US dollar (predominantly the Irish pound). Beginning in 1998, Parthus decided to change the strategy for its business and focus on the development and subsequent licensing of intellectual property. The change in strategy has meant that Parthus' cash inflows have become predominantly denominated in US dollars over time. Parthus markets its intellectual property to the semiconductor industry and the pricing of Parthus' intellectual property licenses is almost entirely denominated in US dollars. Parthus' success in implementing its strategy has resulted in the following changes in the US dollar cash flows over the past three years.

	Year ended December 31,			
	1999	2000	2001	
Parthus US\$ revenue as a percentage of total revenues Parthus US\$ cash expenses as a percentage of total cash	30%	61%	85%	
expenses	19%	29%	41%	

#### Increase in US Operations and US Dollar Costs

Parthus' cash expenses exceeded its revenues in each of the past three fiscal years. As part of Parthus' change in strategy, Parthus has experienced growth in US-based business, both organically and through acquisition, in particular the acquisition of Chicory Systems, which is included in Parthus' results of operations for only 7 months of the year ended December 31, 2001. Parthus' US sales force has more than doubled from 5 at December 31, 1999 to 11 at December 31, 2001. Parthus expects this trend to continue in 2002 with continued growth in the percentage of US dollar expenses due to the continued growth in Parthus' sales force and expected increases when Chicory is consolidated in Parthus' financial statements for a full 12 month period.

Parthus' business continues to develop in line with the strategy outlined above and, while a clear date change was not evident, Parthus deemed January 1, 2002 an appropriate date from which to apply the amended functional currency. This judgment was reached following consideration of all of the above factors, but was mainly due to the change in cash outflows, which currently exceed inflows.

Parthus does not anticipate that either changes in the underlying facts and circumstances noted above, or the change in functional currency, will have a material impact on Parthus' business or financial statements.

Certain of Parthus' subsidiaries continue to use functional currencies other than the U.S. dollar. These currencies may fluctuate significantly against the U.S. dollar. As a result of such currency fluctuations and the conversion to U.S. dollars for financial reporting purposes, Parthus may experience fluctuations in its operating results on an annual and a quarterly basis. Parthus has not in the past, but we may in the future, hedge against fluctuations in exchange rates. Future hedging transactions may not successfully mitigate losses caused by currency fluctuations. Parthus expects to continue to experience the effect of exchange rate fluctuations on an annual and quarterly basis, and currency fluctuations could have a material adverse impact on Parthus' results of operations.

The conversion to the euro has not had a material effect on the pricing of, or the market for, Parthus' licenses and services, and Parthus does not expect the conversion will have a material effect in the future.

#### **Parthus Results of Operations**

The following table presents Parthus' results of operations expressed as a percentage of total revenue, after giving effect to rounding, for the periods indicated:

	Year Ended December 31,			Six Months Ended June 30,	
	1999	2000	2001	2001	2002
Revenue:			_		
IP license	27%	50%	73%	65%	87%
IP creation	73	. 39	17	.22	7
Hard IP		11_	10	13	6
Total revenue	100	100	100	100	100
Cost of revenue:	· .				
IP license	5	9	12	11	14
IP creation	44	26	12	15	. 5
Hard IP		7	5		_ 3
Total cost of revenue	49	42	29	33	22
Gross margin	51	58	71	67	78
Operating expenses:					
Research and development	37	60	73	69	63
Sales and marketing	13	28	27	28	21
General and administrative	16	30	19	. 19	14
Amortization of goodwill and intangible assets		3	22	. 8	3
In-process research and development charge	_ `	· ,—-	27	<u> </u>	
Restructuring charge	_		2		_
ParthusCeva combination costs		·	_		7
Loss on disposal of facility					1
Total operating expenses	66	121	170	- 124	109
Loss from operations	(15)	(63)	(99)	(58)	(31)
Other income:					
Interest income, net	1	16 ·	16	19	6
Exchange gain, net	1	1	(1)		(1)
Minority interest	<u>-</u>	(1)			
Loss before income taxes	(13)	(47)	(84)	(39)	(26)
Provisions for income taxes		(3)	(1)	(2)	
Net loss	(13)%	(50)%	(85)%	(41)%	(26)%

#### Parthus six months ended June 30, 2002 compared with six months ended June 30, 2001

#### Revenue

Total revenue for Parthus for the six months ended June 30, 2002 amounted to \$21.5 million, up 8% over the first half 2001 total revenue of \$19.9 million. The increase in total revenue was due to the increase in IP license revenue, offset by a continued anticipated decrease in IP creation revenue and a decrease in Hard IP revenue.

IP licensing and royalty revenue for Parthus grew to \$18.8 million, up 44% year-on-year from \$13.0 million in the first half 2001, reflecting strong licensing activity. Parthus' royalty revenue increased to \$1.0

million, up 266% year-on-year from \$282,000 in the first half 2001 as customers are shipping products mainly in the consumer electronics area.

*IP creation revenue* for Parthus declined to \$1.4 million, down 67% year-on-year from \$4.3 million in the first half of 2001. The decrease was attributable to a planned reduction in the number of IP creation engagements in 2002 as Parthus continued to focus its resources on expanding its IP license business.

*Hard IP revenue* for Parthus declined to \$1.3 million, down 51% year-on-year from \$2.6 million in the first half of 2001.

#### Cost of revenue

**Total cost of revenue** for Parthus decreased in the first half of 2002 to \$4.6 million from \$6.6 million for the same period last year, a 30% decrease year-on-year. Parthus' total gross margin increased to 78% for the first half of 2002, from 67% in the first six months of 2001. This reflects the continuing change in business mix to higher margin IP licensing and royalty revenue, which represents 87% of total revenue in the first half 2002.

Cost of IP licensing and royalty revenue for Parthus increased by 37% to \$2.9 million or 16% of its IP licensing and royalty revenue year-on-year from \$2.1 million or 17% of IP licensing and royalty revenue

Cost of IP creation revenue for Parthus decreased by 67% to \$1 million or 70% of IP creation revenue year-on-year from \$3 million or 71% of IP creation revenue. The absolute decrease in the cost of its IP creation revenue reflects lower IP creation revenue for the period.

Cost of Hard IP revenue for Parthus decreased by 51% to \$0.7 million or 54% of Hard IP revenue year-on-year from \$1.4 million or 54% of its Hard IP revenue. The absolute decrease in the cost of Hard IP revenue reflects lower Hard IP revenue for the period.

#### Operating expenses

Total operating expenses for Parthus, excluding merger expenses in connection with the proposed combination with Ceva, declined \$2.7 million or 11% from \$24.8 million to \$22.1 million, principally reflecting the full benefits of the cost management program in 2002 and lower amortization costs of \$1 million following Parthus' adoption of SFAS 142 on 1 January 2002 which changes the accounting for goodwill from an amortization method to an impairment-approach only.

Research and development expenses for Parthus declined \$228,000 or 2% year-on-year to \$13.5 million from \$13.7 million in the first half of 2001. The 2002 period includes increased expenses associated with the business Parthus acquired from Chicory Systems, Inc., which Parthus completed near the end of the first half of 2001. This increase in costs was offset by the reduction in costs arising from Parthus' reduced investment in 2.5/3G development and the impact of Parthus' cost reduction measures begun in the fourth quarter of 2001.

Sales and marketing expenses for Parthus decreased by \$1.1 million or 19% year-on-year to \$4.6 million from \$5.6 million in the first half of 2001, reflecting targeted cost savings in 2002.

General and administration expenses for Parthus declined by \$690,000 or 18% year-on-year to \$3.1 million from \$3.8 million in the first half 2001, reflecting the benefits of the cost management program in 2002.

Amortization of goodwill & intangibles for Parthus decreased \$994,000 to \$680,000 in the first half 2002 from \$1.7 in the first half 2001, reflecting changes in the accounting for goodwill from an amortization method to an impairment-only approach following the adoption of SFAS 142 on 1 January 2002.

Merger expenses for Parthus associated with the proposed transaction with Ceva amounted to \$1.5 million.

#### Other

Interest income and similar income for Parthus amounted to \$1.3 million for the first half of 2002, compared with \$3.8 million for the first half of 2001. This decrease in interest income reflects Parthus' lower cash balances and the lower interest rate environment in the first half of this year. The most significant changes in cash in the period relates primarily to acquisitions of \$25 million during the first half of 2001.

*Net loss* for Parthus was \$5.6 million, representing a loss of \$0.010 per ordinary share or \$0.095 per ADS. This represents a 32% decline in the overall reported net loss for the company from the same period last year.

#### Parthus 2001 Compared with 2000

#### Revenue

Total revenue for Parthus increased by 28% from \$31.9 million in 2000 to \$40.9 million in 2001. The increase in total revenue was due to the increase in IP license revenue and Hard IP revenue, offset by a continued anticipated decrease in IP creation revenue. Parthus continued to expand its customer base in 2001, while maintaining and extending existing key relationships. Revenue from Parthus' largest customer, STMicroelectronics, although higher in absolute terms, decreased to 31% of total revenue compared with 39% in 2000, a direct result of broadening Parthus' customer base.

In terms of geographic spread, Parthus improved its penetration into the Asian market, which accounted for 11% of total revenue in 2001 compared to 6% in 2000. The United States and Europe represented 47% and 42% of total revenue in 2001 respectively, compared to 2000 when each represented 47% of its total revenue.

*IP license revenue* for Parthus increased by 87% from \$16.1 million, or 50% of total revenue, in 2000 to \$30.0 million, or 73% of total revenue, in 2001. The increase reflects the strong licensing activity during 2001. IP license revenue from Parthus' royalties increased to \$532,000 compared to \$124,000 in the previous year. Royalty revenue was first recognized in the third quarter of 2000.

*IP creation revenue* for Parthus decreased from \$12.4 million, or 39% of total revenue, in 2000 to \$6.8 million, or 17% of total revenue, in 2001. This decrease was attributable to a planned reduction in the number of IP creation engagements in 2001 as Parthus continued to focus its resources on expanding its IP license business.

**Hard IP revenue** for Parthus increased by 2% from \$3.4 million, or 11% of total revenue, in 2000 to \$4.2 million, or 10% of total revenue, in 2001. Parthus expects Hard IP revenue to remain relatively constant in absolute terms but to decrease as a percentage of total revenue over the next several years.

#### Cost of Revenue

**Total cost of revenue** for Parthus decreased by 11% from \$13.4 million, or 42% of total revenue, in 2000 to \$12.1 million, or 29% of total revenue, in 2001. Parthus' gross margin increased to 71% in 2001 from 58% in 2000. The increase in total cost of revenue and gross margin was due primarily to the continuing change in revenue mix, with the majority of revenue derived from higher gross margin IP licensing activity.

Cost of IP license revenue for Parthus increased by 71% from \$3.0 million, or 19% of IP license revenue, in 2000 to \$5.1 million, or 17% of IP license revenue, in 2001. Parthus expects this line item to continue to decrease in future periods as a percentage of IP license revenue as Parthus receives royalties from its customers, because the associated costs are minimal.

Cost of IP creation revenue for Parthus decreased from \$8.3 million, or 67% of IP creation revenue, in 2000 to \$4.8 million, or 70% of IP creation revenue, in 2001. The increase in cost of Parthus' IP creation revenue

as a percentage of its IP creation revenue was primarily due to increased labor costs. Parthus expects that these costs may continue to increase as a percentage of its IP creation revenue due to continuing increases in labor costs.

Cost of Hard IP revenue for Parthus marginally increased from \$2.1 million in 2000 to \$2.3 million in 2001. Cost of Parthus' Hard IP revenue as a percentage of Hard IP revenue decreased from 62% in 2000 to 54% principally due to change in product mix with focus on higher margin products.

# Operating Expenses

Total operating expenses for Parthus for 2001 were \$69.3 million, an increase of 78%. This increase was due to Parthus' continued investment, internally and by acquisition, in developing and licensing a strong portfolio of technology platforms. The investment has resulted in higher engineering staff, facilities costs, patent costs and depreciation charges for Parthus throughout, as planned, 2001. Parthus incurred a one-time non-cash charge of \$10.9 million in the third quarter 2001 relating to in-process R&D in connection with its acquisition of Chicory Systems Inc. Parthus also incurred a restructuring charge of \$765,000, representing severance charges following a headcount reduction of 29 employees in December 2001. Amortization charges for Parthus for 2001 of \$9.2 million increased by \$8.1 million from \$1.1 million in 2000 reflecting the impact of acquisitions made during 2001. Non-cash stock compensation expense for Parthus decreased from \$5.5 million in 2000 to \$1.8 million in 2001 due to one-time charges in 2000. The increase also reflects the continued expansion of Parthus' sales and marketing and administrative capabilities to support and leverage Parthus' investments. As previously noted, Parthus continues to actively evaluate its level of expenses against current revenue expectations, and anticipates that it may be necessary to effect a reduction in its workforce and to take other cost reduction measures.

Research and development expenses for Parthus, the largest element of operating expenses, increased by 57% from \$19.1 million, or 60% of its total revenue, in 2000 to \$30.0 million, or 73% of total revenue, in 2001. Parthus views research and development as a principal strategic investment and has continued its commitment to invest heavily in this area. This commitment is reflected primarily in higher labor and associated costs resulting from increased headcount throughout 2001 and increased investment in design tools and sub-contract design. The number of Parthus research and development personnel was 307 at December 31, 2001 compared with 308 in 2000 and during 2001 peaked at 336. Included in Parthus' research and development expenses is a non cash stock compensation charge of \$1.4 million which increased from \$0.9 million in 2000.

Sales and marketing expenses for Parthus increased by 22% from \$9.0 million, or 28% of total revenue, in 2000 to \$11.1 million, or 27% of total revenue, in 2001. The increase primarily resulted from the recruitment of additional sales personnel into Parthus' existing sales operations to a peak of 49 during 2001 compared to 40 in 2000, related sales commissions and increases in Parthus' direct marketing activities and travel costs.

General and administrative expenses for Parthus decreased by 24% from \$9.7 million, or 30% of total revenue, in 2000 to \$7.4 million, or 19% of total revenue, in 2001. Included in general and administrative expenses is a non cash stock compensation charge of \$0.2 million which decreased from \$4.5 million in 2000. The charge in 2000 included a one-time non cash compensation expense of \$4.3 million as a result of stock options which were granted to some of Parthus' executives. Excluding the non-cash stock compensation charge, general and administrative expenses increased by 37% from \$5.2 million in 2000 to \$7.2 million in 2001. This increase reflects the additional infrastructure costs associated with the successful integration of Parthus' acquisitions and increased facility costs arising from additional sales locations.

Amortization of goodwill and intangible assets for Parthus increased from \$1.1 million in 2000 to \$9.2 million in 2001. The increase related primarily to the amortization of goodwill of \$7.8 million on Parthus' acquisitions of Chicory Systems Inc. and the remaining 20% minority interest in Silicon Systems Design Limited.

*In-process research and development charge* for Parthus of \$10.9 million in 2001 represents a one time non cash charge relating to Parthus' acquisition of Chicory Systems Inc.

The value assigned to purchased in-process technology related to two microprocessor architecture projects. designated as Project A and Project B, was \$7,370,000 and \$3,525,000, respectively. These projects involved the development of technology to accelerate Internet applications by migrating complex software to silicon chips. Technological feasibility or commercial viability of these projects was not established at the acquisition date. These products were considered to have no alternative future use other than the technological indications for which they were in development. Projects A and B were estimated to be 80% and 50% complete, respectively, estimated costs to completion of these products were approximately \$570,000 and \$700,000, respectively, and discount rates of 35% and 40%, respectively, were used. Both projects involve completion of hardware and software elements. The hardware component must be finalized before the software piece (consisting of validation work, completion of the driver code, etc.) can be started. At the valuation date, Project A had not completed the software element and Project B had not completed the hardware component. These projects were expected to be completed by the end of 2001 when Parthus expected to commence sales of the products. The principal risks relating to the development of the Project A product technology include developing the reference software and reference manual, testing and debugging. The principal risks relating to the development of the Project B product technology include completing the micro-architecture, developing the driver code and software for the end product, debugging and testing. Each of these steps must be completed before the products can be released into the market.

Parthus' primary focus was on the completion of Project A, not only as a stand-alone architecture, but also with the ability to fully integrate it with existing and future Parthus technology platforms. Costs of approximately \$700,000 were incurred on the completion of the Project A architecture. Project A was completed, in line with expectations, in the fourth quarter of 2001 and is the primary architecture used in Parthus' Machstream platform technology, which Parthus is currently licensing.

In the third quarter of 2001 after a strategic review Parthus decided to suspend further investment in Project B. Parthus does not believe that this refocus of effort will adversely impact Parthus' overall expected return on investment, future results and financial condition.

**Restructuring charge** for Parthus of \$765,000 in 2001 represents severance charges following a headcount reduction of 29 employees in December 2001.

#### Interest Income

Parthus' interest income, net, increased from \$5.3 million in 2000 to \$6.4 million in 2001. The increase was due to higher cash balances held throughout 2001 as a result of the closing of Parthus' initial public offering in May 2000 and Parthus' follow-on offering in November 2000, which generated combined net proceeds to Parthus of approximately \$157 million. This was offset by the lower interest rate environment in 2001 which impacted overall returns on cash and cash equivalents invested.

#### Provision for Income Taxes

The provision for income taxes for Parthus was \$300,000 in 2001 compared to \$1.2 million in 2000 and was provided for tax liabilities in non-Irish jurisdictions.

# Parthus 2000 Compared with 1999

#### Revenue.

Total revenue for Parthus increased by 68% from \$19.0 million in 1999 to \$31.9 million in 2000. The increase in Parthus' total revenue was due to the increase in Parthus' IP license revenue described below as well as the introduction of Hard IP revenue, offset in part by a planned decrease in IP creation revenue. Parthus

expanded its customer base significantly in 2000, while continuing to maintain and extend existing key relationships. Revenue from Parthus' largest customer, STMicroelectronics, although higher in euro terms, decreased to 39% of total revenue compared with 68% in 1999, a direct result of broadening Parthus' customer base and a weakening of the euro against the U.S. dollar.

In terms of geographic spread, Parthus entered new markets in Asia in 2000, which accounted for 6% of total revenue for that year. Parthus also achieved a greater balance between Europe and the United States as Parthus' customer based developed and expanded. Europe and the United States each represented 47% of Parthus' total revenue in 2000, compared to 68% and 32%, respectively, in 1999.

*IP license revenue* for Parthus increased by 208% from \$5.2 million, or 27% of total revenue, in 1999 to \$16.1 million, or 50% of its total revenue, in 2000. The increase in its IP license revenue was driven by strong licensing activity and growth in average deal size. Parthus also recognized IP license revenue from royalties for the first time in the third quarter of 2000. The amount of these royalties was \$124,000 for the year.

*IP creation revenue* for Parthus decreased by 10% from \$13.8 million, or 73% of total revenue, in 1999 to \$12.4 million, or 39% of its total revenue, in 2000. This decrease was attributable both to the weakness of the euro against the U.S. dollar and to a planned reduction in the number of IP creation engagements in 2000 as Parthus continued to refocus its resources on expanding its IP license business.

*Hard IP revenue* for Parthus was \$3.4 million in 2000. Parthus had no Hard IP revenue in 1999. Parthus' Hard IP revenue derives from its acquisition in March 2000 of the GPS division of Symmetricom Limited.

#### Cost of Revenue

Total cost of revenue for Parthus increased by 44% from \$9.3 million, or 49% of its total revenue, in 1999 to \$13.4 million, or 42% of total revenue, in 2000. Parthus' gross margin increased to 58% in 2000 from 51% in 1999. The increase in its total cost of revenue and gross margin was due primarily to the continuing change in revenue mix, with the majority of revenue derived from higher gross margin IP licensing activity.

Cost of IP license revenue for Parthus increased by 201% from \$983,000, or 19% of IP license revenue, in 1999 to \$3.0 million, or 18% of IP license revenue, in 2000.

Cost of IP creation revenue for Parthus remained level at \$8.3 million in 1999 and 2000, respectively, representing 60% of its IP creation revenue in 1999 and 67% of IP creation revenue in 2000. The increase in cost of IP creation revenue as a percentage of IP creation revenue was primarily due to increased labor costs.

Cost of Hard IP revenue for Parthus amounted to \$2.1 million in 2000, the first year in which Parthus recognized Hard IP revenue. Cost of Hard IP revenue as a percentage of Hard IP revenue was 62% in 2000.

### Operating Expenses

Parthus' total operating expenses for 2000 were \$38.9 million, an increase of 209%. This increase was due to Parthus' significant investment in developing the licensing and royalty business model and launching key new product platforms, which resulted in planned higher engineering staff, facilities costs, patent costs and depreciation charges. The increase also reflects the continued expansion of Parthus' sales and marketing capabilities and the opening of sales offices in new geographic regions to support and leverage the R&D effort, as well as non cash stock compensation charges.

**Research and development expenses**, the largest element of Parthus' operating expenses, increased by 169% from \$7.1 million, or 37% of total revenue, in 1999 to \$19.1 million, or 60% of total revenue, in 2000. Parthus views research and development as a principal strategic investment and has continued its commitment to

invest heavily in this area. This commitment is reflected primarily in higher labor and associated costs resulting from Parthus' increased headcount, including through Parthus' acquisition of the GPS division of Symmetricom Limited. Parthus' research and development personnel increased to 308 as of December 31, 2000 from 205 as of December 31, 1999. Included in Parthus' research and development expenses is a non-cash stock compensation charge of \$0.9 million which increased from \$36,000 in 1999.

Sales and marketing expenses for Parthus increased by 260% from \$2.5 million, or 13% of its total revenue, in 1999 to \$9.0 million, or 28% of total revenue, in 2000. The increase primarily resulted from the recruitment of additional sales personnel into Parthus' existing sales operations, the expansion of Parthus' sales offices into Japan, Korea, Finland and Sweden, related sales commissions, the launch of the new corporate brand and increases in Parthus' direct marketing activities and travel costs.

General and administrative expenses for Parthus increased by 223% from \$3.0 million, or 16% of its total revenue, in 1999 to \$9.7 million, or 30% of its total revenue, in 2000. Included in Parthus' general and administrative expenses is a non-cash stock compensation charge of \$4.5 million which increased from \$4,000 in 1999. The charge includes a one-time non cash compensation expense of \$4.3 million as a result of stock options that were granted to some of Parthus' executives. Excluding the non-cash compensation charge, Parthus' general and administrative expenses increased from \$3.0 million in 1999 to \$5.2 million in 2000. This increase reflects Parthus' commitment to investing in a management and administrative structure to support Parthus' business going forward and increased facility costs arising from additional locations.

Amortization of intangible assets for Parthus of \$1.1 million in 2000 related primarily to the amortization of patents acquired as part of Parthus' acquisitions of the GPS division of Symmetricom Limited and of the GSM and GPRS technologies and design center of Frontier Design Inc.

#### Interest Income

Parthus' interest income, net, increased from \$0.1 million of interest income, net, in 1999 to \$5.3 million of interest income, net, in 2000. The increase was due to higher cash balances as a result of the closing of Parthus' initial public offering in May 2000, which generated net proceeds to Parthus of approximately \$133 million, and of a follow-on offering in November 2000, which generated net proceeds to Parthus of approximately \$24 million.

# **Provision for Income Taxes**

Parthus' provision for income taxes was \$1.2 million in 2000 and was provided for tax liabilities in non-Irish jurisdictions for 2000.

### **Parthus Liquidity and Capital Resources**

At June 30, 2002, Parthus had working capital of \$101.1 million including \$114.1 million in cash or cash equivalents. At December 31, 2001, Parthus had working capital of \$107.3 million, including \$121.5 million in cash and cash equivalents, compared with working capital at December 31, 2000 of \$147.4 million, including \$159.9 million in cash and cash equivalents. The principal reason for the annual change is the \$25.1 million invested in acquisitions undertaken in 2001. Parthus has no borrowings.

Prior to Parthus' initial public offering, Parthus satisfied its working capital requirements and fixed asset expenditures principally through cash generated by operations and equity private placements. In May 2000, Parthus received approximately \$140.2 million of gross proceeds from the initial public offering of its ordinary shares and ADSs and in November 2000, Parthus received approximately \$23.9 million of gross proceeds from a follow-on offering of its ordinary shares and ADSs. The proceeds from these financings have been and are currently being expended primarily to fund research and development of Parthus' portfolio of technology platforms and expansion both organically and through acquisitions.

Parthus believes that the net proceeds from its initial and follow-on public offerings, and existing cash and cash equivalents will suffice to meet Parthus' present requirements. The total cash outflow from operating activities for first six months of 2002 amounted to \$4.0 million and continues to be in line with Parthus' budgeted cash flow range for the business. The total cash outflow from operating activities in 2001 amounted to \$7.9 million and is within the annual cash flow range Parthus anticipated for the business. This compares with a cash inflow of \$2.9 million in 2000. Several factors affected Parthus' cash flow in 2001, particularly in the second half of the year as conditions deteriorated in the operating environment. The timing of signing of Parthus license agreements shifted in the third and fourth quarter to the latter end of the quarter. Payment terms under license agreements have changed, as customers implement aggressive cash management measures, with a smaller upfront cash component under each contract. These have extended the timing of Parthus' cash receipts.

Parthus expects that its business will continue to consume cash from operating activities mainly through its investment in growing Parthus' IP licensing business until Parthus' planned return to profitability, targeted for the second half of 2002. Parthus' accounts receivable and deferred revenues may vary unpredictably and will be affected by the timing of signing Parthus' contracts, the milestone terms and the credit terms.

In the first six months of 2002, Parthus' capital expenditures amounted to \$1.1 million. Parthus' capital expenditures and acquisition costs were \$31.4 million in 2001 and \$10.9 million in 2000. Although Parthus has no material commitments for capital expenditures, Parthus anticipates an increase in the rate of capital expenditures consistent with its continued growth in operations, infrastructure and personnel. In January 2002, Parthus realized \$1.8 million from the sale of short term investments and spent approximately \$4.9 million on its minority interest investment in UbiNetics and disposal of facility to UbiNetics. In May 2001, Parthus spent approximately \$12 million in cash in connection with its purchase of Chicory Systems Inc., and in June 2001 Parthus spent approximately \$13 million in cash in connection with its purchase from STMicroelectronics of its minority shareholding in Parthus' subsidiary, Silicon Systems Design Limited. In March 2000, Parthus invested approximately \$6.5 million in cash to partially finance the purchase of the GPS business of Symmetricom Limited.

Parthus' net cash provided by financing activities of \$1.1 million in the first six months of 2002 and \$1.4 million in 2001 reflects net proceeds from the issuance of share capital. In 2000, Parthus' net cash provided by financing activities was \$158.2 million, reflecting principally Parthus' initial and follow-on public offerings conducted in that year.

Parthus' contractual obligations are limited to operating leases as disclosed in note 21 to Parthus' financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2001.

## Parthus Critical Accounting Policies, Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States requires Parthus management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reported period. Parthus management bases its estimates and judgments on historical experience and on other factors that are believed to be reasonable under current circumstances. Actual results may differ from these estimates if these assumptions prove to be incorrect or if conditions develop other than as assumed for purposes of such estimates. Parthus' significant accounting policies and the basis of preparation of our consolidated financial statements are detailed in note 2 to its consolidated financial statements. The following is a brief discussion of the critical accounting policies used by Parthus which require estimates and judgments by management:

**Revenue Recognition.** Significant management judgments and estimates must be made and used in connection with the recognition of Parthus' revenue in any accounting period. Material differences in the amount of Parthus' revenue in any given period may result if these judgments or estimates prove to be incorrect or if Parthus management's estimates change on the basis of development of the business or market conditions.

Parthus applies the provisions of Statement of Position No.97-2 and No.98-4 "Software Revenue Recognition" in recognizing its revenue. A significant portion of Parthus' revenue is derived from license agreements with customers to enable them to use Parthus' IP, which is customized to each customer's specific requirements. Revenues from Parthus' initial license fees are recognized based on the percentage to completion method over the period from signing of the license through to customer acceptance, as IP requires significant modification or customization that takes time to complete. The percentage to completion is measured by monitoring progress using records of actual time incurred to date in the project compared to the total estimated project requirement, which corresponds to the costs related to earned revenues.

Estimates of total project requirements for Parthus are based on prior experience of customization, delivery and acceptance of the same or similar technology and are reviewed and updated regularly by management. After delivery, if uncertainty exists about customer acceptance of the IP, license revenue would not be recognized by Parthus until acceptance. Under the percentage to completion method, provisions for estimated losses on Parthus' uncompleted contracts are recognized in the period in which the likelihood of such losses is determined.

If Parthus does not accurately estimate the resources required or the scope of the work to be performed, or does not manage its projects properly within the planned periods of time or satisfy its obligations under the contracts, then future results may be significantly and negatively affected or losses on existing contracts may need to be recognized.

Acquired Intangibles and Goodwill. Parthus' intangible fixed assets and goodwill arising on acquisition are capitalized and amortized to the income statement over the period during which benefits are expected to accrue, currently estimated at five years. Where events and circumstances are present which indicate that the carrying value may not be recoverable, Parthus will recognize an impairment loss. Factors Parthus considers important which could trigger an impairment include:

- significant underperformance relative to expected historical or projected future operating results;
- significant changes in the manner of Parthus' use of the acquired assets or the strategy for Parthus' overall business;
- significant negative industry or economic trends;
- significant decline in Parthus' stock price for a sustained period; and
- changes in the ratio of Parthus' market capitalization to net book value.

Parthus measures such impairment loss by comparing the recoverable amount of the asset with its carrying value. The determination of the value of such intangible assets requires management to make assumptions regarding estimated future cash flows and other factors to determine the fair value of the respective assets. If these estimates or the related assumptions change in the future, Parthus could be required to record impairment charges.

Parthus incurred expenses of \$10,895,000 relating to amounts assigned to acquired in-process technology in 2001. Parthus determined the value assigned to acquired in-process technology by identifying those acquired specific in-process research and development projects that would be continued and for which:

- technological feasibility had not been established at the acquisition date;
- there was no alternative future use and;
- the fair value was estimable with reasonable certainty.

# **Parthus Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board, otherwise known as FASB, issued SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations". This statement requires that the purchase method of accounting be used for all

business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001. The adoption of this standard did not have any impact on Parthus' consolidated financial statements.

In July 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" which revises the accounting for purchased goodwill and other intangible assets. SFAS No. 142 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001, with earlier adoption permitted. Parthus adopted SFAS No. 142 effective from January 1, 2002. Under SFAS No. 142, purchased goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives are no longer amortized, but instead tested for impairment at least annually. Accordingly, Parthus ceased amortization of all goodwill as of January 1, 2002. Parthus' goodwill amortization amounted to \$7,824,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001. No goodwill amortization for Parthus arose in either of the years ended December 31, 1999 and 2000. Parthus does not have any intangible assets, other than goodwill, with indefinite lives. Parthus' intangible assets with finite lives, primarily patents and intellectual property, will continue to be amortized over their useful lives, currently estimated at five years. Parthus recorded amortization of intangible assets of \$Nil, \$1,081,000 and \$1,371,000 for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 respectively.

SFAS No. 142 requires a two step impairment test for goodwill. The first step is to compare the carrying amount of the reporting unit's assets to the fair value of the reporting unit. If the carrying amount exceeds the fair value then the second step is required to be completed, which involves the fair value of the reporting unit being allocated to each asset and liability with the excess being implied goodwill. The impairment loss is the amount by which the recorded goodwill exceeds the implied goodwill. Parthus is required to complete a "transitional" impairment test for goodwill as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the statement is adopted. Parthus completed its transitional assessment of goodwill impairment in the second quarter of 2002 as required under SFAS No. 142, and the assessment indicated that no charges for impairment were required.

SFAS No. 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations" ("SFAS No. 143"), addresses financial accounting and reporting for obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and the associated asset retirement costs. The statement requires that the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation be recognized in the period in which it is incurred if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The associated asset retirement costs are capitalized as part of the carrying amount of the long-lived asset. This statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2002. Parthus does not expect that SFAS No. 143 will have a material impact on its financial statements.

SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," ("SFAS No. 144") addresses financial accounting and reporting for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets. The provisions of this statement are effective for Parthus' financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. Parthus does not expect that SFAS No. 144 will have a material impact on its financial statements.

In April 2002, FASB issued SFAS No. 145 "Rescission of FASB Statements No. 4, 44 and 64, Amendment of FASB Statement No. 13, and Technical Corrections." SFAS No. 145 provides for the rescission of several previously issued accounting standards, new accounting guidance for the accounting for certain lease modifications and various technical corrections that are not substantive in nature to existing pronouncements. SFAS No. 145 will be adopted beginning January 1, 2003, except for the provisions relating to the amendment of SFAS No. 13, which will be adopted for transactions occurring subsequent to May 15, 2002. Adoption of SFAS No. 145 will not have a material impact on Parthus' consolidated financial statements.

#### BUSINESS

#### Overview

ParthusCeva licenses to semiconductor companies and electronic equipment manufacturers complete, integrated intellectual property solutions that enable a wide variety of electronic devices. Our programmable DSP cores and application-level IP platforms power wireless connectivity, handheld devices, consumer electronics products, GPS devices, consumer audio products and automotive applications. We intend to license highly integrated system solutions consisting of our IP platforms built around our DSP cores technology, while also continuing to license our DSP cores and IP platforms as stand-alone offerings. ParthusCeva was formed in , 2002 through the combination of Ceva, the former DSP cores licensing business of DSP Group, founded in 1991, and Parthus, a provider of platform-level IP for the consumer electronics market, founded in 1993.

Our DSP cores licensing business (formerly the business of Ceva) develops and licenses designs of programmable DSP cores and DSP core-based sub-systems. A programmable DSP core is a special-purpose, software-controlled processor that, through complex mathematical calculations, analyzes, manipulates and enhances digital voice, audio and video signals. These chips are used in a wide variety of electronic devices, including digital cellular telephones, modems, hard disk drive controllers, MP3 players, voice over packet products and digital cameras, and are critical to the performance of the electronic products in which they are used. A DSP core-based sub-system incorporates additional hardware blocks required as interfaces from the DSP core for the overall system.

Our platform-level IP business (formerly the business of Parthus) develops semiconductor intellectual property for a range of consumer electronic products and licenses this technology to semiconductor manufacturers and OEMs. Our portfolio of IP platforms spans broadband and local area wireless connectivity as well as key application IP including multimedia, location and technologies and smartphone/handheld technologies. The intellectual property we license can take the form of schematics and designs for silicon chips and circuitry and software to perform particular functions on those chips. In addition, we also sell finished modules (which we refer to as Hard IP) to these customers.

We believe that the continuing evolution of the wireless and consumer electronics market has created significant demand for semiconductor intellectual property providers that can add greater value by delivering complete system solutions that combine DSP processor cores with application-specific IP platforms (such as analog, mixed-signal, digital baseband and software). We anticipate that our approach will permit our customers to introduce feature-rich products while simultaneously minimizing their development cost, risk, complexity and time to market.

### **Industry Background**

Semiconductors, the key building blocks of electronic products, are devices that permit the controlled flow of electronic signals. An integrated circuit is a semiconductor that combines a number of individual electronic circuits, each of which performs a particular function. Continuous improvements in semiconductor design have led to smaller, more complex integrated circuits that perform a wide range of functions. As the performance of semiconductors has improved and their size, cost, and power consumption have decreased, they have been used in an increasing number of applications, including telecommunications systems, automotive electronics, audio and video devices and a range of other consumer electronics products. Rising consumer expectations have increased the demand for more frequent introductions of high-performance semiconductors with lower power consumption and enhanced functionality.

System-on-a-Chip

Semiconductor manufacturing processes have advanced significantly in recent years to allow a substantial increase in the number of circuits placed on a single chip. At the same time, requirements for increased product

functionality, higher performance and lower cost have driven demand for such system-level integration. Through this integration, complete electronic systems containing both analog and digital functions are combined on a single silicon chip, known as a system-on-a-chip. A typical system-on-a-chip incorporates a processor (such as a DSP core or a general purpose processor), memory, input/output devices and other specific components, as well as software.

The increased complexity of system-on-a-chip design and manufacturing requires a high level of design resources to fully capitalize on the improvements in semiconductor manufacturing technology and to maximize functionality. Designers' capabilities and semiconductor companies' internal design resources have not kept pace with the advances in this technology. As a result, chip manufacturers are facing a growing "design gap" between their increasing manufacturing potential and needs and their limited chip design capabilities.

# Semiconductor Intellectual Property

To address this "design gap," many semiconductor designers and manufacturers are increasingly choosing to license proven intellectual property components, such as processor cores and application-specific IP from third parties, rather than to develop those technologies internally. By relying on third parties for the most advanced designs of specialized components, system-on-a-chip designers and manufacturers can create differentiated products while reducing their development costs, complexity, risk and time to market.

The creation of licensable, re-useable design components, which we refer to as third-party semiconductor intellectual property (SIP), is a relatively new and emerging trend in the semiconductor market. According to Gartner-Dataquest, the market for semiconductor intellectual property was \$892 million in 2001, representing a 25% year-on-year growth from 2000.

Semiconductor intellectual property providers have traditionally delivered intellectual property blocks only for digital functions and only for individual components with a relatively narrow function, referred to as block-level IP. The continuing evolution of electronic products has created significant demand for semiconductor intellectual property providers that add greater value by offering complete, integrated analog and digital systems, as well as software, which we refer to as platform-level IP. We believe that this approach provides semiconductor companies and electronic product manufacturers with several key advantages, including improved time to market and a reduction in the risks, costs and complexities in bringing new products and technologies to market.

#### Digital Signal Processor Cores

A key piece of semiconductor IP in the computer chips driving many electronic products is the DSP core, which processes the digital data derived from converted analog signals. Once a signal (such as the human voice) has been converted to digital form, a DSP core is used to analyze, manipulate and enhance the data. The signal can then be transmitted over a network (such as the cellular telephone network), compressed and stored (such as in answering machines) or recognized as a command (such as through voice recognition). Digital signal processing is used in many fields, including telecommunications, speech and music processing, imaging, medicine and seismology. As the number of electronic devices that require the processing of digital data has grown, so has the demand for reliable DSP cores.

A DSP-based system-on-a-chip includes several components. The DSP core controls the processing of the chip and uses mathematical calculations to process information. Other parts of the system-on-a-chip include data memory components, which host the data before and after it is processed by the DSP core, and the program memory component, which stores the software used to operate the DSP core. A chip designer may add its own specific proprietary technology to provide differentiated functionality (such as special functions and input/output electronics, which control the transfer of data between the DSP core and other electronic devices that are connected to the chip).

Programmable DSP cores are instructed by software programs to process ultra-fast mathematical calculations, including addition, subtraction and multiplication. The math-intensive signal processing performed by the DSP core is generally used for data compression, error correction, voice recognition and security.

A programmable DSP-based design allows the same chip to be programmed and reprogrammed with different software and used for several generations and different applications of products, which reduces the internal development costs for manufacturers and allows them to differentiate their products through varying the software functionality. In addition, a programmable approach allows for "field upgrades" of the technology, such as replacement of software through remote downloading, rather than physical removal and replacement of the entire chip.

According to Forward Concepts, a market research firm, worldwide programmable DSP chip shipments have increased to \$6.1 billion in 2000 and then decreased to \$4.3 billion in 2001. Forward Concepts predicts that this market will grow at a compound annual rate of 18% from 2000 to 2005.

Licensable DSP cores are typically licensed to semiconductor companies or directly to system OEMs. By using licensable DSP cores, manufacturers of ASSPs (application-specific standard products, which are off-the-shelf chips targeted to a specific type of application for a broad range of system OEMs) and ASICs (application-specific integrated circuits, which are chips that are customized to meet a specific customer's needs) have multiple sources of DSP technology, thereby enabling competition among their chip suppliers as well as a wider variety of more differentiated products.

The manufacturers of DSP-based system-on-a-chip face a "make or buy" dilemma—whether to develop a given DSP chip design or to license it from a third party. Internal development of a DSP core requires considerable design resources and specialization, which many semiconductor companies do not have. In today's rapidly evolving markets, the scarcity of engineering talent means that it is usually not cost-effective for most semiconductor companies and designers to devote the engineering resources necessary to develop complicated components such as a programmable DSP core. Therefore, companies may concentrate on the integration of software, hardware and embedded memory, and rely on licensing other intellectual property, such as DSP cores, from third parties.

Licensing also offers a substantial time-to-market advantage, which in most cases is a crucial factor for a manufacturer's competitive market positioning. Further, the licensee can choose the method and source of chip production. This is a significant advantage for the licensee, as a licensed chip can easily be produced by several manufacturers, eliminating its dependence upon a single source of chip production.

## End Markets

Third-party semiconductor intellectual property is licensed and deployed by semiconductor companies and electronic equipment manufacturers serving a wide variety of high-volume end markets. These include the markets for:

- Second-generation (2G), "second-and-a-half"-generation (2.5G) and third-generation (3G) cellular telephones—cellular telephones that combine voice communications and high-speed data transmission capabilities, permitting access to the Internet and other advanced features;
- Internet-enabled personal digital assistants, or PDAs—hand-held devices that incorporate electronic calendars, address books and remote access to the Internet and other data networks;
- "Intelligent" pagers—personal paging devices that incorporate advanced data communications features, such as access to e-mail, news, weather and stock quotes;
- Global positioning system (GPS) devices—devices used in automobiles, wireless connections for personal computers and industrial controls accessed through wireless Internet connections;

- Other internet devices—products such as laptop computers, set-top boxes, Internet appliances and gaming consoles, which are increasingly connected to the Internet via either broadband wireless technologies or wireless local area network (W-LAN) technologies;
- Hard drive controllers—the devices which control the reading and writing of data for personal computers;
- voice over packet products, such as voice-over Internet Protocol (VoIP) and voice-over digital subscriber line (VoDSL) applications;
- wireline telecommunications applications, such as digital subscriber line (DSL) applications;
- automotive applications;
- consumer audio devices, such as MP3 players; and
- digital still cameras.

Products such as these require state-of-the-art functionality, but generally must also be easy to use and convenient in terms of both size and battery life. Providers of semiconductor intellectual property help address these requirements by focusing on integrated circuit technology that:

- permits high-data-rate communications in conformity with industry standards;
- allows the integration of more advanced features at reasonable prices by combining functions on a single system-on-a-chip; and
- helps speed time to market by reducing product development time through design reuse.

### The ParthusCeva Solution

We offer complete, open, integrated DSP cores solutions for semiconductor manufacturers and OEMs, comprising wireless communication, application and multimedia IP platforms built around our DSP processor core architectures. Our IP licensing business model, including royalties, offers a scalable business with multiple revenue streams and solid gross margins.

Our DSP cores licensing business develops and licenses designs of programmable DSP cores. These designs are used in a wide variety of electronic devices, including digital cellular telephones, modems, hard disk drive controllers, MP3 players, voice over packet products and digital cameras, and are critical to the performance of the electronic products in which they are used. Our designs are independent of specific semiconductor manufacturing processes, and can therefore be used by a wide variety of customers. The DSP cores we design are appropriate for use in both current and emerging applications requiring digital signal processing. We market our technology and designs as well as a wide array of software and hardware development tools and technical support services. We license our DSP core designs to leading semiconductor companies throughout the world. These companies incorporate our designs into application-specific chips or custom-designed chips that they manufacture, market and sell to OEMs of a variety of electronic products. We also license our designs to OEMs directly.

Our IP platforms licensing business develops highly integrated semiconductor intellectual property solutions that are crucial to the cost-effective implementation of new generations of consumer electronic devices, including mobile-Internet products. Our IP platforms enable a range of wireless devices that are used by individuals to communicate, transact business and access information easily, flexibly and affordably. Our extensive intellectual property portfolio covers broadband wireless solutions (2G, 2.5G, 3G), wireless local area networking solutions (802.11, Bluetooth) and key application and multimedia solutions (including audio, multimedia, GPS and smartphone technologies). We make our intellectual property available to our customers under licenses, as part of development projects or in silicon chip form.

The key benefits we offer our licensees include:

- An extensive IP portfolio. Our IP portfolio spans the bulk of mobile Internet, wireless application and multimedia technologies, as well as a suite of programmable DSP cores. This portfolio often allows us to provide a customer with the required solution with reduced development cost, complexity and risk, therefore reducing the customer's time to market.
- The ability to deliver complete system solutions. Our broad IP portfolio allows us to provide our customers with complete solutions at the system level, including application-specific IP platforms and general-purpose DSP cores. Our company combines the expertise of a provider of DSP architectures with the expertise of a supplier of complete platform level-IP solutions, which we believe strongly positions us to become a leading supplier of open-standard IP solutions to the industry.
- Flexible IP deployment and support. To meet specific customer circumstances and requirements, we intend to offer system-level solutions composed of our IP platforms built around our DSP cores, as well as to license our platforms and cores as stand-alone offerings. We make our solutions available in the form of licensed intellectual property rights, dedicated development projects, or "hard IP" embodied in silicon chips or circuit boards. In addition, we offer our licensees specialized intellectual property integration support. We believe that this flexibility facilitates the adoption and integration of our intellectual property.
- Leading-edge technology. Our licensing relationships with a number of leading semiconductor companies and OEMs, as well as our communications with potential customers, help to assure that we are developing additional intellectual property that meets market requirements as they evolve. A number of our employees also participate actively in international standards-setting bodies in order to influence and learn about new technological developments.
- The ability to provide a production-ready solution. We fully test the platforms and DSP cores we provide so that they are ready for product integration. In addition, we utilize third-party foundries that manufacture chips to our design. These relationships allow us to assure our customers access to low-cost production.
- A diverse and experienced research and development staff. We have more than 310 employees engaged in product development in a broad range of areas, including analog, digital, software, mixed-signal and digital signal processing technology. We believe that the breadth of knowledge, experience, and stability of our workforce allow us to provide better and faster services to our customers, and to maintain and develop our core intellectual property efficiently.

#### Strategy

The combination of Parthus and Ceva will position us to address what we believe to be two of the major converging trends in our industry. First, we believe that our industry is moving towards open-standard processor architectures and away from traditional proprietary solutions. Second, we believe that increased semiconductor product complexity and demands for reduced time-to-market have led more companies to decide to license complete platform level-IP solutions, rather than licensing individual components from multiple suppliers. ParthusCeva will combine the expertise of a provider of DSP architectures with the expertise of a supplier of complete platform level IP solutions. We believe ParthusCeva will be well positioned to take full advantage of these major industry shifts and become a leading supplier of open-standard DSP solutions to the industry.

Our goal is to become a leading licensor of programmable DSP cores and platform-level IP solutions. To meet these goals we intend to:

Provide an integrated solution. We seek to maximize the competitive advantage provided by our ability to offer an integrated IP solution—including communications, applications and multimedia IP built around our DSP processor core architectures. We believe that this integrated solution will favorably position us to capitalize on what we believe is the industry trend towards the licensing of open-standard IP architectures.

- Take advantage of the industry shift towards open-standard architectures. We believe that the industry trend away from proprietary IP towards open-standard architectures creates an opportunity for providers of licensable DSP cores and platform-level IP. As a consequence, we intend to use our expertise in critical open standards fields, such as Bluetooth, GPS and multimedia, in order to position ourselves to take advantage of this trend. Towards this end, we have participated and intend to continue to participate in the development of industry standards in these and other emerging technology areas.
- Focus on a portfolio approach to the licensing of our IP platforms. We seek to differentiate ourselves through the breadth of our IP offerings and our capability to integrate these offerings into a single solution built around our family of state-of-the-art DSP cores. We intend to continue to expand our portfolio of broadband wireless solutions (2G, 2.5G, 3G), wireless local area networking solutions (802.11, Bluetooth), and key application and multimedia solutions (including audio, multimedia, GPS and smartphone technologies).
- Focus on convergence of technologies through an open architecture. We seek to ensure that our platforms, as well as other third-party IP, can be rapidly integrated into a single integrated circuit through adherence to the specifications of our open, flexible and highly power-efficient architectures.
- Maximize our expertise. We seek to maximize our expertise in DSP, analog, mixed-signal and radio frequency technology and to use that expertise to address critical customer demands. We intend to enhance our existing DSP cores and IP platforms with additional features and performance, while developing new offerings that will focus on other emerging applications across the range of end markets we serve.
- Target top-tier customers. We seek to strengthen relationships and expand licensing and royalty arrangements with our existing customers and to extend our customer base with key industry companies in order to facilitate the development of our technology. We believe that we can achieve the best rate of return on our investment in technology by targeting our sales and marketing activities at high-volume semiconductor companies and leading electronic product manufacturers with a track record of successful end-user deployments. Parthus and Ceva together have entered into license agreements with nine of the top ten semiconductor companies worldwide.
- Focus on large and fast-growing markets. We believe that our expertise in programmable DSP cores and platform-level IP favorably positions us to target fast-growing segments within the consumer electronics market, such as wireless communications, mobile computing, automotive electronics, and consumer entertainment. We intend to strengthen our relationships and expand licensing and royalty arrangements with customers in those markets and to extend our customer base with key industry leaders within each of those segments. We believe that we can achieve the best results by targeting our sales activities at leaders within those markets.
- Establish, maintain and expand relationships with key technology providers. We have established and seek to expand our close working relationships with:
  - contract semiconductor companies, usually referred to as silicon foundries, in order to assure adequate supplies of chips for our customers who purchase our technology in chip form and in order to give OEMs a means of obtaining competitive manufacturing capabilities;
  - third-party suppliers of block-level semiconductor intellectual property, in order to have access to their most current technologies; and
  - developers of both application-level and system-level software so that we can continue to offer complete platform solutions.

In addition, we have and seek to expand our relationships with companies that offer complementary technologies for designing system-on-a-chip applications based on our DSP core designs. We believe that these relationships will increase the markets for our products.

## **Products and Technology**

DSP Cores Licensing Business

Our DSP cores licensing business develops and licenses designs of programmable DSP cores. A programmable DSP core is a special purpose, software-controlled processor that, through complex mathematical calculations, analyzes, manipulates and enhances digital voice, audio and video signals. The programmable DSP cores we design are used as the central processors in semiconductor chips made for specific applications. These chips are used in a wide variety of electronic devices, including digital cellular telephones, modems, hard disk drive controllers, MP3 players, voice over packet products and digital cameras, and are critical to the performance of the electronic products in which they are used.

Our SmartCores family of cores is currently composed of five offerings: PineDSPCore, OakDSPCore, TeakLite, Teak and PalmDSPCore and a DSP core-based sub-system: the XpertTeak. By offering a range of performance, price and power consumption balances, our cores family addresses a wide range of applications, from low-end, high-volume applications, such as digital answering machines, hard disk controllers, low-speed modems and VoIP terminals, to high-performance applications such as 3G cellular communication devices, broadband modems, consumer multimedia and VoIP gateways. Our current offerings are:

- PineDSPCore. Introduced in 1991, the PineDSPCore was the first DSP core we developed. Due to its
  small die size and compact instruction code, it has been primarily used for low-end, high-volume
  applications, including digital answering machines, fax machines, low-speed modems and hard disk
  drive controllers. We currently generate revenues from the PineDSPCore, although we are no longer
  actively promoting it.
- OakDSPCore. The OakDSPCore's hardware units are operative through a set of soft cores known as an instruction set, which is a central processing unit (CPU) type instruction allowing the core to also provide micro-control functionality. The small die size, low-power consumption and balance between cost and performance of our OakDSPCore make it well suited for second generation (2G) digital cellular telephones using GSM, TDMA and CDMA (code-division multiple access) standards, soft modems, voice-over packet network applications and Internet audio devices.
- TeakLite. TeakLite is a "soft core" which significantly facilitates its incorporation of its design into a licensee's chip and foundry specifications. TeakLite offers the same instruction set as OakDSPCore; it is superior to the OakDSPCore in terms of portability, operating speed and power consumption. TeakLite is primarily designed for 2G and 2.5G cellular telephones, modems, consumer multimedia (digital still cameras and audio appliances, including MP3 players), hard disk drive controllers and voice-over IP applications.
- Teak. Like TeakLite, Teak is a "soft core" and is designed with a focus on power reduction features. The Teak offers high performance, the ability to process multiple instructions in parallel and excellent code density, making it well suited for 2.5G and 3G cellular telephones, broadband modems and consumer multimedia applications.
- PalmDSPCore. With faster processing capabilities and the ability to process multiple instructions in parallel, PalmDSPCore is a sub-family of three DSP soft cores designed to meet the high-performance, low-cost and low-power requirements of a range of applications. These include 2.5G cellular telephones, broadband modems, and voice-over packet network gateways, for which we offer a 16-bit core, and consumer audio and video applications, for which we offer 20-bit and 24-bit cores.
- XpertTeak. XpertTeak is a highly integrated, low power Teak core-based DSP sub-system. In addition
  to the Teak core, it incorporates advanced peripherals and a system interface set, such as direct memory
  accesses (DMA) controllers, timers, power consumption management units, serial ports and CPU
  interfaces.

Our designs are independent of specific semiconductor manufacturing processes, and can therefore be used by a wide variety of customers. The DSP cores we design are appropriate for use in both current and emerging applications requiring digital signal processing. We market our technology and designs as well as a wide array of software development tools and technical support services. Revenues from hardware development tools have not been significant to date.

We believe the following to be the key benefits of our DSP cores offerings:

- Low power consumption. Our cores have been designed to satisfy low power consumption requirements—a key feature of products that rely on batteries, such as cell phones and portable audio products, or are sensitive to power dissipation, such as telecommunications equipment.
- Low cost. Our technology is designed to address the cost requirements for high volume, highly competitive applications through reduced chip size (by carefully selecting functions we offer and also by allowing multiple functions to be placed on one chip) and minimization of the size of required memory.
- Flexibility. Our open, "soft-core" DSP architecture allows our licensees to differentiate their products, in particular through software. It allows the licensees to create diversified versions of their embedded intellectual property solutions, reuse the same chip design for multiple generations of products and select different physical library vendors or silicon suppliers. In addition, because of our "soft-core" architecture, our cores can be easily integrated across multiple semiconductor manufacturing processes with different geometry technologies.
- Improved time to market. Our technology shortens the typical semiconductor design cycle and
  improves our customers' time to market by shortening the process of porting the core design to physical
  hardware layout, and by providing an efficient environment for designing the software to be used in our
  core designs.
- *Tightly coupled development tools and architecture.* We provide our licensees with both DSP cores and the related software development and hardware emulation tools to assist in product development, which speeds their development process.

# Applications for our DSP Cores

Solutions using DSP cores technology are currently used in a wide variety of applications. We focus our efforts on the following selected high-volume, high-growth markets and applications:

Cellular telephone handsets. The cellular handset market is currently the largest market for DSP cores technology. Cellular telephones use DSP cores for voice compression, by which the human voice is compressed after being digitized, and channel coding, by which DSP techniques are used to encode the information. Our DSP cores are currently used in all types of digital cellular telephones, and we believe they will continue to be used in the next generations of cellular telephones (2.5G and 3G). These next-generation phones are expected to incorporate video, audio and data features in addition to voice, extending the use of advanced DSP cores in their designs. Our OakDSPCore and TeakLite cores are widely used in current cellular telephones, and our Teak and PalmDSPCore offerings target the next generation of cellular telephones.

Hard disk drives. Hard disk drive controllers are an important application for DSP cores. A hard disk drive controller is the chip that controls the mechanism that reads and writes data from a memory disk platter. The hard disk drive controller market is characterized by high volume and extreme price sensitivity. Programmable DSP cores are designed to meet the requirements of this market by providing flexibility in the adoption of advanced search algorithms within the controller, resulting in the capability to support higher density, lower cost disks. We believe that the compact code size, heat dissipation characteristics and flexibility of our PineDSPCore, OakDSPCore and TeakLite offerings are particularly well suited to this cost competitive market.

**Digital Subscriber Line applications.** Digital subscriber line (DSL) technology significantly increases the bandwidth of copper telephone lines for data transmission. The use of DSL-related applications is driven by the increasing demand for high-speed connectivity to the Internet.

A programmable DSP core is used primarily to improve the quality of the signals received through the telephone line. By offering flexibility across multiple DSL standards, our programmable DSP solution is designed to allow a customer to re-use the same chip for different DSL markets. In addition, a programmable DSP solution allows for field upgrades of the technology as standards evolve or are enhanced. We believe our TeakLite, Teak and PalmDSPCore offerings are well suited to address the different cost and performance requirements of multiple DSL standards.

Voice-over packet network applications. Voice-over packet network technology enables the transmission of voice, along with video and data, over the same infrastructure in the form of small units of digital information ("packets"). This technology allows telecommunications operators to offer higher-value, unified services that combine fast data access, cheap voice rates and advanced voice and fax services to their customers.

DSP technology is a key element in voice-over packet network applications. Our programmable DSP technology is designed to handle:

- voice compression, by which digitally encoded speech is processed to take up less storage space and transmission bandwidth;
- echo cancellation, which involves the elimination of echoes in two-way transmissions;
- dual-tone multiple frequency (DTMF) algorithms, which produce tones that are generated when
  pressing buttons on touch-tone telephones;
- caller ID, which is a telephone company service that identifies the caller's telephone number to the party that is called; and
- fax, which involves the processing and transmission of fax information over packet network.

We believe that our SmartCores family (in particular our TeakLite, Teak and PalmDSPCore) is an attractive solution for these applications because they provide a low-power, cost-effective, programmable platform for the local area network (LAN) and packet-based telephony markets. Our Teak and TeakLite cores are designed to provide a low power consumption, low-cost solution for small to middle size residential gateways and integrated accesses devices. Our PalmDSPCore is designed to provide higher performance and can be embedded in multichannel, multi-service central office gateways, where channel density and heat dissipation are the most important factors.

Consumer audio applications. Consumer electronics constitute a large market for DSP cores technology. Digital versatile disc (DVD) players and digital set-top boxes require DSP cores for their high fidelity audio features. In addition, recent improvements in the speed of Internet connections have provided the ability to easily download music from the Internet. This has created a significant market for DSP-based portable players (such as MP3 players) that decode high quality audio. Furthermore, we expect demand for digital audio to expand to the home audio market in the future. DSP cores technology is used to decode the compressed data being downloaded from the Internet or retrieved from the on-board memory or disk that stores the high-fidelity audio data. Although not currently deployed for this purpose, DSP cores technology may also be used in the future to enhance the security of digital stored media by preventing unauthorized copies or downloads of audio and visual data.

Our technology can be used in low-power, price-sensitive semiconductor products targeted specifically at the portable audio market. In addition, our 24-bit PalmDSPCore can easily be used for current audio compression algorithms.

Digital still cameras. Digital still cameras are a relatively new, yet fast-growing, market. Digital still cameras use a DSP chip to adjust the contrast and detail of the image captured by the lens and to compress the digital data for storage on the memory card. Our OakDSPCore, TeakLite and Teak offerings provide a low-power, cost-effective and programmable platform for this application.

#### IP Platforms Licensing Business

The continuing evolution of the consumer electronics market has created significant demand for semiconductor intellectual property providers that can add greater value by delivering the complete system solutions that combine RF, mixed-signal and DSP cores technology, as well as related software—which we refer to as platform-level IP. This approach permits our customers to introduce feature-rich products while simultaneously minimizing their development cost, risk, complexity and time to market. We also offer our technology in discrete building blocks for specific functions that our customers use to develop complete systems and products.

Our platforms are licensed and deployed by some of the world's largest semiconductor companies and OEMs in wireless communications devices, Internet appliances, GPS devices, Internet audio products and other consumer electronic devices. Our current platforms include:

- **BlueStream.** BlueStream is highly functional platform supporting Bluetooth communications—an emerging standard for wireless communications among electronic devices over short distances. This platform includes a comprehensive radio component; a digital baseband, offered both in baseband IP and as a full system-on-a-chip; and a complete software stack designed for baseband and host interface.
- MediaStream. MediaStream is an advanced Internet audio technology enabling a range of mobile
  multimedia applications, including mobile phones, MP3 players, game consoles and high-fidelity in-car
  entertainment systems.
- NavStream. NavStream is a complete GPS platform delivering precise location information (less than five meters within five seconds) to any device, including mobile phones, personal digital assistants (PDAs), and GPS-enabled vehicles, anywhere in the world. One of the key differentiators of the NavStream platform is its ability to track GPS signals and determine a user's location indoors. NavStream is one of the few technologies that comply with the U.S. Federal Communications Commission's e-911 Location Accuracy Directive, which requires that all mobile telephones enable the location of the caller to be determined to within 150 meters.
- InfoStream. InfoStream is a mobile computing platform for the next generation of wireless devices, including 3G "smart" cellular phones, PDAs, Internet appliances and home entertainment/multimedia devices. The platform was developed in conjunction with Psion and delivers high performance, low power consumption and high levels of on-chip integration.
- *MobiStream*. MobiStream is an advanced platform for applications using the GPRS (general packet radio services) mobile communications standard. This platform combines high data rates and integrated multimedia on low baseband power consumption solutions.
- MachStream. MachStream is a high-performance modular silicon platform that accelerates critical
  mobile-Internet applications, including multimedia, security, Java and next-generation browser scripting
  languages, while delivering significant improvements in the power efficiency and cost levels required
  for mobile devices.
- *In8Stream*. In April 2002, we announced the launch of In8Stream, a multi-mode wireless local area network (WLAN) platform employing the 802.11 standard for wireless communications between electronic devices over short distances. In8Stream targets the entire range of 802.11 WLAN standards through a single, flexible architecture.

Each of the IP platforms described above has been developed for a specific end-market. They all adhere, however, to the specifications of our open, flexible and highly power-efficient architecture, which allows the rapid integration of our platforms and various third-party intellectual property into a single integrated circuit. Our solutions are based on a substantial portfolio of intellectual property that we have developed over the past nine years. This broad portfolio includes building blocks for analog integrated circuits, digital integrated circuits, systems software and other functions.

# Development and Integration

We have significant expertise in the design and development of high-performance digital, analog, mixed-signal and software technology for our customers. Our development services include complete development activities such as development of specific systems or technology on a contract basis. Our policy is to retain ownership of, or rights to use, the intellectual property we develop under contract. Our integration services include consulting services to supplement or facilitate the integration of our licensed intellectual property and that of third parties into a customer's product. In performing either development or integration services, we focus on designing comprehensive systems tailored to specific requirements, making the key design decisions and tradeoffs required to create the most competitive system for the customer while shortening their time-to-market.

We support products through manufacturing and volume production to meet customer requirements. We are able to do this because of our strength in a number of key areas, including:

- **Back-end support.** Our computer aided design (CAD) team develops in-house design flows. The team provides each design group working on a development project a template identifying which CAD tools to use to meet its specific design goals. The team also writes software to assure that the identified tools can be used on an integrated and seamless basis. In addition, a team of layout engineers with experience in digital, analog, radio frequency and system-on-a-chip layout processes determines the physical layout requirements for each project.
- System integration laboratory. We have an in-house capacity to test the performance of our intellectual property as embodied in silicon against a variety of parameters. This capability enables us to perform complete system-level product development combining our integrated circuit and software intellectual property.

# Customers, Sales, Marketing and Technical Support

ParthusCeva Licensing Business

Our strategy is to engage in licensing and royalty agreements with leading semiconductor manufacturers and OEMs that have a track record of successful adoption and deployment of key next-generation technologies. We intend to offer complete system solutions which will include both our application-level IP platforms and our DSP cores. We anticipate that the terms of the licenses for these solutions will include both a license fee component and a royalty component.

Although the precise terms of our contracts vary from licensee to licensee, they generally require payment of an initial license fee, a re-use license fee, ongoing per-unit royalties or some combination of these fees. Under the terms of these license agreements, we may also provide integration services and technical support to help accelerate the customer's product development cycle. Key features of these arrangements include:

- *Initial license fees.* Initial license fees are typically non-refundable and are generally paid in installments upon reaching defined development milestones. Our licenses are typically perpetual in duration but may in some cases be limited to fixed terms.
- Re-use license fees. A re-use license fee is payable for each new product that incorporates technology previously licensed from us. Re-use license fees are payable when a licensee sends a design using our intellectual property for manufacture in a subsequent product. Alternatively, licensees may pay a one-time buyout fee in lieu of subsequent re-use fees.
- **Per-unit royalties.** A per-unit royalty is paid for each product incorporating our intellectual property that is sold, supplied or distributed by the licensee. These royalties are calculated either as a percentage of the licensee's sale price per product or as a fixed amount per unit sold. We generally give volume pricing to our licensees, and our per unit royalties rate will go down as more products incorporating our intellectual property are shipped. As products incorporating our technology are brought to market, we

expect revenue from royalties to increase. We have no control, however, over when our customers will ultimately bring such products to market. Some of our licenses include prepaid royalties, in which a customer pays the royalties on a certain minimum number of products at the time we sign the license, which are typically non-refundable.

• Support and maintenance. We generally require licensees to pay a quarterly support and maintenance fee for a minimum of two years for integrated circuits and three years for software. After that mandatory period, the customer may extend the support and maintenance agreement on an annual basis.

### DSP Cores Licensing Business

We license our DSP core designs to leading semiconductor companies throughout the world. These companies incorporate our cores into application-specific chips or custom-designed chips that they manufacture, market and sell to OEMs of a variety of electronic products. We also license our core designs to OEMs directly. Our programmable DSP cores enable semiconductor chip manufacturers and OEMs to design flexible, cost-effective, low-power, application-specific system-on-a-chip solutions. By offering a range of performance, price and power consumption balances, our SmartCore family addresses a wide range of applications. To date, we have licensed our cores to more than 60 licensees, including Atmel, Fujitsu, Infineon Technologies, Kawasaki, LSI Logic, Mitsubishi, National Semiconductor, NEC, Oki, Philips Semiconductors, Samsung, Seiko-Epson, Sony and Tower Semiconductors.

We generate revenue from license fees and prepaid royalties as well as per-unit royalties. We currently license our cores together with our advanced software development tools to enable our licensees to incorporate our DSP core designs into their semiconductor chip products. In addition, we typically license our SmartCores together with technical support services, for which our licensees pay us an annual support fee.

# Technical Support of the DSP Cores Licensing Business

We offer technical support services through our offices in Israel and the United States, as well as through the Japanese subsidiary of DSP Group, which will provide us with dedicated employees to provide various technical support services to our customers. Each of our independent sales representatives in Southeast Asia also maintains engineers who provide technical support services for our products. Our technical support services include:

- technical support, consisting of assisting with implementation, responding to customer specific
  inquiries, training and, when and if they become available, distributing updates and upgrades of our
  products;
- application support, consisting of providing general hardware and software design examples, ready to use software modules and guidelines to our licensees to assist them in using our technology; and
- design services, consisting of creating customer specific implementations of our DSP cores. These revenues have not been significant to date.

We believe that our customer technical support services are key factors in our licensees' ability to embed our SmartCores in their designs and products. Our technology is highly complex, combining a sophisticated DSP cores architecture, integrated circuit designs and development tools. Effective customer support is critical in helping our customers implement programmable DSP core-based solutions and helps to shorten the time to market of their DSP-based applications. To provide this high quality support, our support organization is made up of experienced engineers and professional support personnel. In addition, we conduct detailed technical training for our licensees and their customers and visit our licensees on a regular basis to closely track the implementation of our technology.

#### IP Platforms Licensing Business

Our strategy is to engage in licensing and royalty agreements with leading semiconductor manufacturers and OEMs that have a track record of successful adoption and deployment of key next generation technologies. In total, our IP platform licensing business has executed 87 licensing agreements through June 2002, 59 of which have royalty components. Licensees include 3Com, Agilent, ARM, Cirrus Logic, Creative Technology, Fujitsu, Hitachi, Infineon Technologies, Macom, Maxim, Motorola, National Semiconductor, nVidia, Prariecomm, Psion, Samsung, Sharp Microelectronics, Sigmatel, Sony, STMicroelectronics, Tripath, Ubinetics, and μ-blox. STMicroelectronics accounted for approximately 67% of Parthus' total revenue in 1999, 39% in 2000 and 31% in 2001.

Maintaining close relationships with our customers is a core part of our strategy. We typically launch each new platform or platform upgrade with a signed license agreement with a blue-chip customer, which helps ensure that we are clearly focused on viable applications that meet broad industry needs. Strengthening these relationships is a significant part of our strategy. It allows us to create a roadmap for the future development of existing platforms, and it helps us to anticipate the next potential applications for the market. We seek to use these relationships to deliver new platforms in a faster time to market through our research and development base.

We license to our customers complete platform solutions to perform specific application functions. These solutions typically incorporate both intellectual property to be embodied on a silicon chip and intellectual property in the form of software. On occasion, we enter into portfolio licensing agreements whereby a customer licenses multiple platforms. By entering into a portfolio license, our customers have access to multiple technology platforms in our portfolio, enabling them to obtain from one supplier all of the IP required to build next-generation electronic devices. We believe that portfolio license arrangements will generally be larger than other license agreements and will allow us to develop close, strategic long-term relationships with our portfolio license customers. Although the precise terms of each of our contracts vary from licensee to licensee, they generally require payment of an initial license fee, a re-use license fee, ongoing per-unit royalties or some combination of these fees. Under the terms of these license agreements, we may also provide integration services to help accelerate the customer's product development cycle.

In addition, we enter into collaborative agreements for the sale or distribution of our products where the third party can provide additional access to special expertise or potential customers.

# Sales Force of ParthusCeva

The leaders within our targeted markets include a small number of very large organizations. We therefore believe it is essential to maintain a comprehensive and capable direct sales and marketing organization focused on these market leaders. Towards this end, we have chosen to headquarter our combined sales activities in San Jose, California and have established a direct sales force. Each of our sales offices are closely aligned with key customer accounts and supported by a focused central marketing team.

Our combined sales and marketing force numbers 49 people, of whom 11 were originally with DSP Group and 38 were originally with Parthus. We have a total of 15 sales offices, located in Atlanta, Georgia; Austin, Texas; San Diego, California; San Jose, California; Dublin, Ireland; Herzeliya, Israel; Hong Kong, China; Seoul, Korea; Tokyo, Japan; Taipei, Taiwan; Northampton, England; Helsinki, Finland; Stockholm, Sweden; Munich, Germany; and Caen, France. We have also contracted with additional sales representatives to further our coverage of other significant customers in key geographic areas, including Japan and the U.S. For sales in Japan and Europe, we use the services of DSP Group in its Tokyo and Sophia Antipolis, France offices. We also have independent sales representatives covering Southeast Asia in Hong Kong, South Korea and Taiwan. In addition, we systematically conduct sales prospecting from principal offices, and the sales leads are distributed to our regional offices and representatives.

### Marketing of ParthusCeva

We use a variety of marketing initiatives to stimulate demand and brand awareness in our target markets. These marketing efforts include presenting at key industry trade shows and conferences, distributing global press releases, organizing customer seminars, posting information on our website, issuing periodic newsletters and producing marketing materials. In addition, we have established co-marketing programs with our alliance partners and customers.

Our marketing and business development department participates in refining our intellectual property offerings to address new specific market needs and to use our brand name and close relationships to reach and create demand within system OEMs and semiconductor companies.

Our marketing department is responsible for defining the road map for our next generation of our IP platforms and DSP cores and their key features. In defining the road map, the marketing department coordinates with our sales and research and development departments to take into consideration future trends in semiconductor technology, including DSP cores architectures and digital signal processing algorithms and competitive positioning of our products. Our marketing department also runs competitive analyses to help us maintain our competitive position.

## Research and Development

Our future competitive position will largely depend on our ability to develop new generations of IP platforms and DSP cores in a timely manner to meet the evolving and rapidly changing requirements of our target markets. Towards this end, we intend to maintain significant research and development teams dedicated to developing new technological solutions and new versions of our existing technology.

As we integrate the businesses and workforces of Parthus and Ceva, we anticipate that we will be able to combine the complementary technical skills of the research and development personnel of the two companies to further enhance our competitive advantage. We also expect to continue to invest substantial funds and personnel resources in research and development activities.

# DSP Cores Licensing Business

All of our DSP cores and related development tools have been developed internally by our research and development team. Our first product was introduced in 1991. Since then we have introduced five new generations of products with enhanced performance and one DSP core-based subsystem. We have also continuously sought to improve our existing line of products.

Our DSP cores licensing business research and development team consists of 43 employees. Our research and development expenses, net of related non-refundable research grants from the Office of Chief Scientist magnet programs in Israel, were \$5.1 million in 2001, \$4.8 million in 2000 and \$3.2 million in 1999. Nearly all of the IP for our DSP cores licensing business has been developed internally.

Our research and development team consists of engineers who possess significant experience in developing advanced programmable DSP cores. We believe that our strengths are in our expertise in digital signal processing algorithms coupled with our deep understanding of processor architectures. These strengths allow us to design processors to run licensee-designed software that consumes less power and requires smaller memory space.

Our research and development projects are focused in three areas: product improvement, next generation product evolution and future product revolution.

• Product improvement is the process of making incremental modifications to our SmartCores designs that enhance their performance and ease of implementation. In addition, we continuously enhance our

- development tools by adding features to improve the productivity of the software development process.
- Next-generation product evolution is the process of developing new products, based on the same design concepts as the current generation, with substantially better performance and significant new features.
- Future product revolution is the process of developing new products that represent a significant departure from previous generation design concepts and which incorporate evolving trends in processor architecture.

Our research and development projects are initiated based on new technology trends, emerging applications and inputs from customers and our sales and marketing personnel. We have a budgeting process in which we assess each project, establish financial goals and targets and assign resources. We monitor our projects through a variety of processes. We have frequent staff meetings to update our staff on progress and share information. We also conduct regular project reviews with the participation of management, sales, marketing and customer support. In these meetings, we review a number of aspects of the project including human, financial and technical resources used and required in the future, achievement of milestones and problems encountered. In addition, we re-evaluate the project in light of the initial definition and current market conditions.

### IP Platforms Licensing Business

Since 1993, our IP platform licensing business has developed a core intellectual property portfolio that includes a broad array of high-performance analog, digital and software building blocks that provide optimum cost performance for applications, especially in the mobile-Internet market. This business has approximately 270 full-time research and development staff located at eight development sites in Ireland, the United States and the United Kingdom. A significant number of our IP platforms research and development staff have advanced degrees. These individuals have expertise in all the disciplines required to take a product from conception through design and into volume manufacturing, including:

- systems architecture, including modeling and partitioning;
- analog and mixed-signal technology;
- IP integration for system-on-a-chip development;
- · software development; and
- systems integration.

Research and development efforts for our IP platforms business are focused on delivering further innovative solutions that offer clear benefits to our customers in the areas of:

- faster and higher performance, which is essential for the take-up of new services or content;
- lower power requirements, which is critical for battery life;
- smaller and lighter chip components, for better overall product design;
- · easier manufacturing of extremely complex technology; and
- higher value at lower cost.

Our IP platforms licensing business is involved in research programs with a number of university and independent research groups worldwide. These include both student sponsorships at undergraduate, masters and doctorate levels, and joint research programs. In addition, several members of our staff work one day per week at affiliated academic institutions, providing a strong link to the faculty and student bodies. We also encourage our research and development personnel to maintain active roles in the various international organizations that develop and maintain standards in the electronics and related industries. This involvement allows us to influence the development of new standards; keeps us informed as to important new developments regarding standards;

and allows us to demonstrate our expertise to existing and potential customers who also participate in these standards-setting bodies.

# **Proprietary Rights**

Our success and ability to compete are dependent on our ability to develop and maintain the proprietary aspects of our intellectual property and to operate without infringing the proprietary rights of others. We rely on a combination of patent, trademark, trade secret and copyright laws and contractual restrictions to protect the proprietary aspects of our technology. These legal protections afford only limited protection of our technology. We also seek to limit disclosure of our intellectual property and trade secrets by requiring employees and consultants with access to our proprietary information to execute confidentiality agreements with us and by restricting access to our source code and other intellectual property. Due to rapid technological change, we believe that factors such as the technological and creative skills of our personnel, new product developments and enhancements to existing products are more important than specific legal protections of our technology in establishing and maintaining a technology leadership position.

We have an active program to protect our proprietary technology through the filing of patents:

- In connection with our DSP cores licensing business, we hold four U.S. patents, with expiration dates between 2013 and 2019, and have 16 patent applications pending in the United States, 11 pending in Israel, four pending in Japan, four pending in Europe and four pending in South Korea.
- In connection with our IP platform licensing business, we currently hold 16 U.S. patents, with expiration dates between 2011 and 2020, and 13 non-U.S. patents on various aspects of our technology. We also have 39 patent applications pending in the United States and an additional 20 pending in the United Kingdom and other jurisdictions.

We actively pursue foreign patent protection in other countries where we feel it is prudent to do so. Our policy is to apply for patents or for other appropriate statutory protection when we develop valuable new or improved technology. The status of patents involves complex legal and factual questions, and the breadth of claims allowed is uncertain. Accordingly, we cannot assure you that any patent application filed by us will result in a patent being issued, or that our issued patents, and any patents that may be issued in the future, will afford adequate protection against competitors with similar technology; nor can we provide assurance that patents issued to us will not be infringed or that others will not design around our technology. In addition, the laws of certain countries in which our products are or may be developed, manufactured or sold, may not protect our products and intellectual property rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States. We can provide no assurance that our pending patent applications or any future applications will be approved or will not be challenged by third parties, that any issued patents will effectively protect our technology, or that patents held by third parties will not have an adverse effect on our ability to do business.

The semiconductor industry is characterized by frequent litigation regarding patent and other intellectual property rights. Questions of infringement in the semiconductor field involve highly technical and subjective analyses. Litigation may in the future be necessary to enforce our patents and other intellectual property rights, to protect our trade secrets, to determine the validity and scope of the proprietary rights of others, or to defend against claims of infringement or invalidity. We cannot assure you that we would be able to prevail in any such litigation, or be able to devote the financial resources required to bring such litigation to a successful conclusion.

In any potential dispute involving our patents or other intellectual property, our licensees could also become the targets of litigation. We are generally bound to indemnify licensees under the terms of our license agreements. Although our indemnification obligations are generally subject to a maximum amount, these obligations could nevertheless result in substantial expenses. In addition to the time and expense required for us to indemnify our licensees, a licensee's development, marketing and sale of products embodying our solutions could be severely disrupted or shut down as a result of litigation.

We also rely on trademark, copyright and trade secret laws to protect our intellectual property. PalmDSPcore, PineDSPcore, OakDSPcore, OCEM, TeakDSPcore, Pine, Teak and Teaklite are United States registered trademarks of ParthusCeva or its affiliates. Parthus, the Parthus logo and BlueStream are European Community trademarks of ParthusCeva or its affiliates. The registration of the following trademarks is pending in the United States: ParthusCeva, the ParthusCeva logo, Ceva, the Ceva logo, SmartCores, Assyst, Parthus, the Parthus logo, MachStream, MobiStream, WarpStream, MediaStream, BlueStream and NavStream. Application for the following trademarks is pending in other jurisdictions: ParthusCeva, the ParthusCeva logo, Ceva, the Ceva logo, SmartCores, Assyst, Parthus, the Parthus logo, MachStream, MobiStream, WarpStream, MediaStream, InfoStream, BlueStream and NavStream. The following trademarks are in use: PalmASSYST, PINE ASSYST SIMULATOR, XpertTeak, XpertDSP, XpertPalm, OpenKey, DSCKey, VoPKey, EDP, SmartCores Enabled, PDKit, ODKit, TLDKit, TDKit and In8Stream.

### Competition

We believe that the combination of Parthus and Ceva will position us to offer a unique range of solutions, including one of the most comprehensive offerings of DSP cores and IP platforms. We anticipate, however, that we will continue to face much of the same competitive environments historically faced by our separate DSP cores and IP platforms licensing businesses.

# DSP Cores Licensing Business.

The programmable DSP cores market is highly competitive and is characterized by rapid technological change due to, among other things, the increasing demand for software-based DSP solutions for the emerging wireless, telecommunications and multimedia applications. These trends lead to frequent product introductions, short product life-cycles and increased product capabilities, typically representing significant performance, power consumption and cost improvements in each new generation of products.

We compete with other suppliers of licensed programmable DSP cores and with suppliers of other DSP solutions. We believe that the principal competitive factors of a programmable DSP-based system are processor performance, overall system cost, power consumption, flexibility, reliability, software availability, ease of implementation, customer support and name recognition.

The market is dominated by large, fully integrated semiconductor companies that have significant brand recognition, a large installed base and a large network of support and field application engineers. We face direct and indirect competition from:

- intellectual property vendors that offer programmable DSP cores;
- intellectual property vendors of general purpose processors with DSP extensions;
- internal design groups of large chip companies that develop proprietary DSP solutions for their own application-specific chips; and
- semiconductor companies that offer off-the-shelf programmable DSP chips.

We face direct competition mainly from various private intellectual property companies such as BOPS, Improv and 3DSP. In addition, some large chip manufacturing companies such as Infineon Technologies and LSI Logic make their proprietary DSP technology available for license to create a second source for their technology.

In recent years, we have also faced competition from companies that offer microcontroller/ microprocessor intellectual property. These companies' products are used for control and system functions in various applications, including personal digital assistants and video games. Embedded systems typically incorporate both microprocessors responsible for system management and a programmable DSP that is responsible for communication and video/audio/voice compression. Recently, companies such as ARC, ARM Holdings, MIPS, and Tensilica have added a DSP extension to their products in addition to the microcontroller functions, which may successfully compete with our designs in applications that involve low to moderate DSP performance requirements.

With respect to certain large potential customers, we also compete with their internal engineering teams supplying programmable DSP cores, who may design products for use by other divisions internally, rather than licensing our products. These companies, which include Fujitsu, NEC and Philips, both license our designs for some applications and use their own proprietary cores for other applications. In the future, such companies may choose to license their proprietary DSP cores to third parties and, as a result, become direct competitors.

We also compete indirectly with several general purpose programmable DSP semiconductor companies, such as Agere Systems, Analog Devices, Motorola, Texas Instruments and StarCore, a venture formed by Infineon, Agere and Motorola. These companies have proprietary chip technologies that can be accessed only as part of their semiconductor products, while our technology is licensed to multiple vendors. OEMs may prefer to buy general purpose chips from large, established semiconductor companies rather than license our products. In addition, the general purpose semiconductor companies are major competitors of semiconductor companies that license our technologies. It is also possible that in the future these DSP semiconductor companies may choose to license their proprietary DSP cores to third parties and compete directly with us.

Our SmartCores architecture is an independent DSP technology licensed to other companies, which we make available together with a full package of design tools and technical support. We believe that designs using our SmartCores architecture offer high performance along with small memory size and low-power consumption. In addition, our experience in designing and licensing programmable DSP cores can help semiconductor companies and system OEMs to create a competitive system-on-a-chip solution that takes advantage of our licensees' proprietary intellectual property as well as ours.

### IP Platforms Licensing Business

Given the rapid rates of technological change and of new product introductions in our target markets, we believe that a key competitive factor in these markets is whether a solution allows manufacturers to deliver the performance and features demanded by their target markets more quickly than their competitors can. Because of our complete platform approach and our strong resources in key areas such as mixed-signal technology, we believe that we are extremely competitive in delivering complete solutions that meet the requirements of our customers. In addition, we believe that the difficulty of attracting an adequate number of qualified technical staff, particularly in the areas of analog and mixed signal technology, coupled with the difficulty of combining knowhow across the range of technologies required to provide a complete solution in this market area, present substantial barriers to entry for new entrants into this area. Other important competitive factors include price, product quality, design cycle time, reliability, performance, customer support, name recognition and reputation and financial strength.

Given our reliance on relationships with a number of leading companies in the semiconductor and electronics industry, our competitive position is dependent on the competitive positions of those companies. In addition, the companies with whom we have relationships do not license our intellectual property exclusively, and several of them also design, develop, manufacture and market products based on their own intellectual property or on other third-party intellectual property. They therefore often compete with each other and with us in various applications.

We compete with a variety of companies, ranging from smaller, niche semiconductor design companies to large semiconductor manufacturers and OEMs, many of whom are our customers. We believe that our principal competition comes from the in-house research and development teams of such manufacturers, many of whom have significantly greater financial and/or technical resources than we do. In addition, we must in such cases overcome any organizational bias against out-sourced solutions before we can compete successfully.

Aside from the in-house research and development groups of such manufacturers, we do not compete with any individual company across the range of our market offerings. Within particular market segments, however,

we do face competition to a greater or lesser extent from other industry participants. For example, in the following specific areas we compete with the companies indicated:

- in the Bluetooth and 802.11 technology arenas—with NewLogic and Tality;
- in the GPS market—with SiRF, Snaptrack and Trimble;
- in the GPRS and W-CDMA markets—with TTPcom; and
- in the Internet audio market—with Micronas, e.Digital and Xaudio.

We cannot be certain that we will have the financial resources, technical expertise, and marketing or support capabilities to compete successfully in the future.

### **Employees**

The table below presents the number of employees of Ceva, Parthus and ParthusCeva (giving effect to the combination of Ceva and Parthus as of June 30, 2002), by function and geographic location.

	Ceva	Parthus	ParthusCeva
Total employees	66	352	418
Function			
Research and development	43	271	314
Sales and marketing	11	38	49
Technical support	10		10
Administration	2	43	45
Location			
Ireland	. —	223	223
Israel	60		60
United States	2	53	55
United Kingdom		60	60
Elsewhere	4	16	20

Parthus is currently implementing a reduction in workforce in connection with streamlining of two product lines.

Our employees are not represented by any collective bargaining agreements, and neither Parthus nor our DSP cores licensing business has ever experienced a work stoppage. We believe our employee relations are good.

Competition for personnel in the semiconductor and software industries in general has historically been intense. We believe that our future prospects will depend, in part, on our ability to continue to attract and retain highly skilled technical, marketing and management personnel. In particular, there is a limited supply of highly qualified engineers with analog, mixed-signal and digital signal processing experience.

A number of our employees are located in Israel. Certain provisions of Israeli law and of the collective bargaining agreements between the Histadrut (General Federation of Labor in Israel) and the Coordination Bureau of Economic Organizations (the Israeli federation of employers' organizations) apply to our Israeli employees.

In addition to our own employees, certain employees of DSP Group and its subsidiaries in Japan and France historically have performed sales and technical support activities for us; the costs associated with these employees have been allocated to us. Going forward, these DSP Group's sales and technical support people will continue to provide services to ParthusCeva and will charge ParthusCeva the cost of providing such services at agreed-upon prices and fees.

### **Facilities**

Our headquarters are located in San Jose, California and we have principal offices in Dublin, Ireland and Herzeliya, Israel.

We lease land and buildings for our executive offices, engineering, sales, marketing, administrative and support operations and design centers. The following table summarizes information with respect to the principal facilities leased by us:

Location	Area (Sq. Feet)	Principal Activities
San Jose, CA, U.S(Headquarters)	10,000	Sales, marketing, engineering, administration.
Dublin, Ireland (Principal Office)	32,700	Executive offices, engineering, sales, marketing, administration.
Herzeliya, Israel(Principal Office)	10,170	Executive offices, engineering, sales, marketing, administration.
Cork, Ireland	10,000	Engineering, administration.
Limerick, Ireland	4,000	Engineering.
Belfast, Northern Ireland	8,000	Engineering.
Northampton, England	18,000	Engineering, marketing, administration.
Austin, TX, U.S.	10,400	Research and development, marketing, administration.
Caen, France	550	Research and development.

Our Israeli facility is subleased from DSP Group; the sublease on this space expires in November 2003 with an option to extend the lease for up to five additional years upon nine months prior notice and an option to terminate it upon three months prior notice.

# **Legal Proceedings**

None of Ceva, Parthus or DSP Group is currently, nor have any of them in the last 12 months been, involved in any legal or arbitration proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which we are aware) that have or, in the last 12 months have had, a significant effect on our or their financial position or results of operations.

#### MANAGEMENT

## **Executive Officers and Directors**

Below we identify the people who serve as our executive officers and directors (giving effect to the combination of Ceva and Parthus), as well as their ages as of June 30, 2002:

Name	Age	<b>Position(s)</b>			
Eliyahu Ayalon	59	Chairman of the Board of Directors			
Brian Long	45	Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors			
Kevin Fielding	39	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director			
Zvi Limon(1)	43	Director			
Bruce A. Mann(2)	67	Director			
William McCabe(1)(2)	44	Director			
Sven-Christer Nilsson(1)(2)	58	Director			
Louis Silver(1)(2)	48	Director			
Gideon Wertheizer	45	Executive Vice President—Business Development and Chief Technology Officer			
Eoin Gilley	40	Chief Operating Officer			
Elaine Coughlan	30	Chief Financial Officer			
William McLean	44	Vice President—Sales			
Issachar Ohana	36	Vice President and General Manager of the DSP Intellectual Property Licensing Division			
Bat-Sheva Ovadia	38	Chief Scientist—DSP Technologies			

- (1) Member of audit committee
- (2) Member of compensation committee

Eliyahu Ayalon has served as Chairman of our board of directors since the closing of the combination of Parthus and Ceva and as a member of our board of directors since the inception of Ceva, Inc. in November 1999. Mr. Ayalon also served as Ceva's Chief Executive Officer from November 1999 to January 2001. Mr. Ayalon joined DSP Group in April 1996 as President, Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors. In January 2000, Mr. Ayalon was appointed to serve as Chairman of the board of directors of DSP Group. Mr. Ayalon joined DSP Group from Mennen Medical, a developer and manufacturer of healthcare products, where he served as President and Chief Executive Officer from May 1992 to April 1996. Mr. Ayalon holds a B.Sc. in Electrical Engineering from the Technion-Israel Institute of Technology.

Brian Long has served as Vice Chairman of our board of directors since the closing of the combination of Parthus and Ceva. He also served as Chief Executive Officer and a member of the board of directors of Parthus from 1993 until the combination with Ceva, and was one of the co-founders of Parthus. Mr. Long has more than 20 years' experience developing intellectual property solutions for the semiconductor industry. Prior to co-founding Parthus, Mr. Long was a chief design engineer with AT&T, a telecommunications company. Mr. Long later held corporate responsibility for mixed-signal technology development at Digital Equipment Corporation, a computer company, coordinating its cooperation with major semiconductor companies in the field of integrated circuit technology design and development. Mr. Long is the named inventor in several U.S. and European integrated circuit design patents and is currently on the board of the National Microelectronics Research Centre, Ireland. He holds undergraduate and masters degrees in Electronic Engineering from Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland.

Kevin Fielding has served as our President, Chief Executive Officer and as a member of our board of directors since the closing of the combination of Parthus and Ceva. He served as President of Parthus from March 2001 until the combination with Ceva, and as a member of the board of directors of Parthus from November 2000 until the combination with Ceva. He served as Chief Operating Officer of Parthus from 1998 to 2001. Mr. Fielding joined Parthus from Digital Semiconductor in Boston, U.S., where he was Managing Director of Digital's StrongARM business. He has over 18 years' experience in the semiconductor business in the U.S. and Europe. He holds undergraduate and masters degrees in Electronic Engineering from the National University of Ireland, Cork and an MBA from Northeastern University.

Zvi Limon has served as a member of our board of directors since November 1999. He has also served as a director of DSP Group since February 1999. Mr. Limon is currently self-employed. He served as Chairman of Limon Holdings Ltd., a consulting and investment advisory firm, from October 1993 to July 2000. He holds a B.A. in economics and business administration from Bar Ilan University in France and an MBA from INSEAD Fontainebleu in France.

Bruce A. Mann has served as a member of our board of directors since April 2001. Mr. Mann has been a partner of Morrison & Foerster LLP, our legal counsel, since February 1987, and a Senior Managing Director of WR Hambrecht & Co., an investment banking firm, since October 1999. Mr. Mann holds a B.A. in business administration and a J.D. from the University of Wisconsin.

William McCabe has served as a member of our board of directors since the closing of the combination of Parthus and Ceva. He also served as a non-executive director of Parthus from 1997 until the combination with Ceva. He is the former Chairman of SmartForce plc (formerly CBT Group plc), an Irish company specializing in interactive educational software. He holds a degree in Economics from Queens University, Belfast.

Sven-Christer Nilsson has served as a member of our board of directors since the closing of the combination of Parthus and Ceva. He served as a non-executive director of Parthus from 2000 until the combination with Ceva. He is a co-founder and director of Startupfactory, a venture capital and early-stage investor headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden. Between 1982 and 1999 he held various positions with Ericsson, the telecommunications equipment supplier, including President, Ericsson Radio Systems (Sweden), Vice President, Mobile Switching Systems, Executive Vice President, Cellular Systems-American Standards, and, from 1998, Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Nilsson holds a BSc in Computer Science from the University of Lund, Sweden.

Louis Silver has served as a member of our board of directors since April 2002. He has also served as a director of DSP Group since November 1999. Mr. Silver has served as an advisor and counsel to the Discount Bank & Trust Co., an international bank, since September 1996. From April 1992 to December 1995, Mr. Silver served as Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel of Sapiens International, a provider of enterprise-wide, mission-critical business solutions. He holds an A.B. from Harvard College, an LLB from Tel Aviv University School of Law and an LLM from New York University School of Law.

Gideon Wertheizer has served as our Executive Vice President—Business Development and Chief Technology Officer since the closing of the combination of Parthus and Ceva. He also served as Ceva's Chief Executive Officer and President from January 2001 until the combination with Parthus. Prior to joining us, Mr. Wertheizer was with DSP Group, starting in September 1990 as Project Manager of the VLSI Design Center and became Vice President of the Design Center in August 1995. In November 1997, Mr. Wertheizer was appointed Vice President—Marketing of DSP Group. In January 2000, Mr. Wertheizer was appointed Executive Vice President of Intellectual Property of DSP Group. Mr. Wertheizer holds a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Ben Gurion University in Israel and an MBA from University of Bradford in England.

Eoin Gilley has served as our Chief Operating Officer since the closing of the combination of Parthus and Ceva. He served as Chief Operating Officer of Parthus from March 2001 until the combination with Ceva. Mr. Gilley joined Parthus from Artesyn Technologies, a provider of power conversion equipment to the

communications industry, where he spent three years and held the position of Managing Director, Europe. Previously, Mr. Gilley spent 15 years with Apple Computer, including at Apple's European manufacturing facility plant and, most recently, in Cupertino, California, as Director of Operations for Apple's Newton Division. From 1995 to early 1998, he held the position of Vice President/General Manager Europe with Quarterdeck International Ltd., a software provider, based in Dublin, Ireland. Mr. Gilley has a B.S. in Engineering and an MBA from Fordham University.

Elaine Coughlan has served as Our Chief Financial Officer since the closing of the combination of Parthus and Ceva. She served as Chief Financial Officer of Parthus from March 2001 until the combination with Ceva, and had served as Parthus' Vice President—Finance from August 2000 to March 2001 and as its Corporate Controller from December 1999 to August 2000. Ms. Coughlan joined Parthus from IONA Technologies plc, a provider of enterprise software solutions, where she held senior financial positions, including Vice President of Finance, Acting Corporate Controller, Assistant Corporate Controller and European Financial Controller. Previously she spent eight years at Ernst and Young, a public accounting firm, as a senior audit manager specializing in advising clients registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission in the technology sector and handling public offering transactions. She is an Associate of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in Ireland.

William McLean has served as our Vice President—Sales since the closing of the combination of Parthus and Ceva. He served as President, U.S. Operations and Vice President Worldwide Sales of Parthus from 1998 until the combination with Ceva. He joined Parthus from Authentec, a biometrics firm and spin-off from Harris Semiconductor, where he was Vice President and Chief Marketing Officer. Mr. McLean joined Harris Semiconductor in 1996, serving as Vice President and General Manager of Worldwide Sales and Marketing. Mr. McLean previously served as Vice President of OEM Sales at Fujitsu Microelectronics, and Vice President of Sales and Marketing for the start-up firm, Advanced Telecommunications Modules Ltd., a provider of communications technology. Mr. McLean began his career at Texas Instruments, where he spent 12 years in various sales and marketing positions. Mr. McLean has a B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Christian Brothers University, Memphis, Tennessee.

Issachar Ohana has served as our Vice President and General Manager of the DSP Intellectual Property Licensing Division since the closing of the combination of Parthus and Ceva. Prior to joining us, Mr. Ohana was with DSP Group beginning in August 1994 as a VLSI design engineer. He was appointed Project Manager of DSP Group's research and development in July 1995, Director of Core Licensing in August 1998, and Vice President—Sales of the Core Licensing Division in May 2000. Mr. Ohana holds a B.Sc. in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Ben Gurion University in Israel and an MBA from University of Bradford in England.

Bat-Sheva Ovadia has served as our Chief Scientist—DSP Technologies since the closing of the combination of Parthus and Ceva. Prior to joining us, she was with DSP Group beginning in September 1988 as a DSP algorithm engineer. She was appointed Chief Architect of the DSP core architectures and served as Department Manager of DSP Group Architecture and Algorithm Department beginning in 1996, the Marketing and Business Development Director beginning in 1998 and Vice President—Marketing and Business Development beginning in May 2000. Ms. Ovadia is the named inventor in several U.S. and Israeli patents and pending patents, and is widely published and has presented on issues relating to DSP technology and applications. Ms. Ovadia holds a BSc. in Electrical Engineering from the Technion Institute of Technology, Israel.

# **Board Composition and Executive Officers**

We currently have authorized eight directors.

Our executive officers are appointed by, and serve at the discretion of, our board of directors. Each of our officers and directors, excluding non-employee directors, devotes substantially full time to our affairs. Our non-

employee directors devote such time to our affairs as is necessary to discharge their duties. There are no family relationships among any of our directors, officers or key employees.

Members of our board of directors serve one-year terms. Executive officers are elected by and serve at the discretion of the board of directors.

#### **Board Committees**

Our board of directors has established an audit committee and a compensation committee. Our audit committee reviews, acts on and reports to our board of directors with respect to various auditing and accounting matters, including the selection of our independent accountants, the scope of the annual audits, fees to be paid to the independent accountants, the performance of our independent accountants and our accounting practices. Messrs. Zvi Limon, William McCabe, Sven-Christer Nilsson and Louis Silver are the current members of our audit committee.

Our compensation committee establishes salaries, incentives and other forms of compensation for our executive officers and other key employees. This committee also administers our incentive compensation and stock plans. Messrs. Bruce A. Mann, William McCabe, Sven-Christer Nilsson and Louis Silver are the current members of our compensation committee.

## **Management Committee**

Our company has also established a management committee consisting of Messrs. Ayalon, Long, Fielding and Wertheizer. In addition, Ms. Coughlan may attend management committee meetings on a non-voting basis. Our bylaws provide that all material business decisions must be raised before the management committee prior to any action being taken. The management committee holds regular meetings; members of the committee do not receive any compensation for serving on the committee.

## **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

We had no compensation committee and no officers who received compensation from Ceva, Inc. prior to the separation.

# **Director Compensation**

Directors who are employees of our company do not receive any additional compensation for their services as directors. Directors who are not employees of our company receive an annual retainer of \$20,000, payable in quarterly installments of \$5,000 each. The retainer contemplates attendance at four board meetings per year. Additional board meetings of a face-to-face nature are compensated at the rate of \$500 per meeting. In addition, committee meetings of a face-to-face nature and on a telephonic basis are compensated at the rate of \$500 per meeting. All directors are reimbursed for expenses incurred in connection with attending board and committee meetings. Our directors are eligible to participate in our stock plans. As of June 30, 2002, Messrs. Ayalon, Limon and Silver have been granted options to purchase 1,140,000, 90,000 and 70,000 shares of DSP Group common stock, respectively. As of June 30, 2002, Messrs. Ayalon, Limon and Mann have been granted options to purchase 800,000, 40,000 and 40,000 shares of Ceva common stock, respectively. As of June 30, 2002, Messrs. Fielding and Nilsson hold options to purchase 1,320,970 and 249,990 Parthus ordinary shares, respectively. We currently have no specific plans regarding options to be granted to our directors in the future.

# **Employment Agreements**

We expect to enter into employment agreements with Eliyahu Ayalon, Elaine Coughlan, Kevin Fielding, Eoin Gilley, Brian Long, William McLean, Issahar Ohana, Bat-Sheva Ovadia and Gideon Wertheizer. These agreements will be for an indefinite term. The officer's employment will be terminable at any time by us upon the determination of our board of directors on not less than 36 months notice in the case of Mr. Long, 24 months notice in the case of Mr. Ayalon, 12 months notice in the case of Mr. Fielding, 9 months notice in the case of Mr. Wertheizer and 6 months in the case of each of Ms. Coughlan, Mr. Gilley, Mr. McLean, Mr. Ohana and Ms. Ovadia.

Pursuant to the employment agreement we expect to enter into with Mr. Ayalon, Mr. Ayalon will be entitled to an annual salary of \$170,000 and a bonus to be determined at the discretion of the compensation committee of our board of directors. Mr. Ayalon's employment will be terminable at any time by us upon the determination of our board of directors on not less than 24 months notice to Mr. Ayalon, or by him on not less than 24 months notice to us. If Mr. Ayalon is terminated by us or a succeeding corporation following a change in control of us, or if he resigns for good reason, he will be entitled to an amount equal to the base salary to which he would otherwise have been entitled had he remained employed by us for an additional two years and his options will vest in full. In addition, upon any termination or change in status of Mr. Ayalon as chairman of our board of directors, all options granted to Mr. Ayalon under our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan will immediately vest and remain exercisable for a period of two years after his termination of service to ParthusCeva.

Pursuant to the employment agreement we expect to enter into with Mr. Ohana, Mr. Ohana will be entitled to a salary of \$110,000 and a bonus to be determined at the discretion of the compensation committee of our board of directors. In addition, for the first six months of Mr. Ohana's employment with us, he will be entitled to receive sales commission based on established sales targets. After the initial six months period, we will re-evaluate our arrangement with Mr. Ohana with respect to the sales commission. Mr. Ohana's employment will be terminable at any time by us upon the determination of our board of directors on not less than 6 months notice to Mr. Ohana, or by him on not less than 6 months notice to us.

Pursuant to the employment agreement we expect to enter into with Ms. Ovadia, Ms. Ovadia will be entitled to a salary of \$100,000 and a bonus to be determined at the discretion of the compensation committee of our board of directors. Ms. Ovadia's employment will be terminable at any time by us upon the determination of our board of directors on not less than 6 months notice to Ms. Ovadia, or by her on not less than 6 months notice to us.

Pursuant to the employment agreement we expect to enter into with Mr. Wertheizer, Mr. Wertheizer will be entitled to a salary of \$160,000 and a bonus to be determined at the discretion of the compensation committee of our board of directors. Mr. Wertheizer's employment will be terminable at any time by us upon the determination of our board of directors on not less than 9 months notice to Mr. Wertheizer, or by him on not less than 9 months notice to us.

The employment agreements we expect to enter into with Ms. Coughlan, Mr. Fielding, Mr. Gilley, Mr. Long, Mr. McLean, Mr. Ohana, Ms. Ovadia and Mr. Wertheizer will also include the following terms. Under each agreement, if we, or an acquiring or succeeding corporation after a change in control of us:

- terminate the officer's employment for any reason, other than for cause; or
- · if the officer resigns after we
  - assign him or her to duties inconsistent in any material respect with, or materially diminish, his or her position, authority or responsibilities;
  - reduce the officer's annual base salary other than through a comparable reduction in salary affecting all similarly situated employees;
  - fail to continue to provide any material compensation or benefit plan or program in which the
    officer participates or provide such compensation, plan or program on a materially reduced basis;
  - fail to award cash bonuses to the officer in amounts and in a manner substantially consistent with past practice in light of our financial performance; or
  - relocate the officer to a new office that is more than 60 kilometers from the officer's principal residence and more than 35 kilometers from the location at which the officer performs his or her principal duties for us

then the officer will be entitled to fringe benefits and an amount equal to the compensation to which the officer would otherwise have been entitled if the officer had remained employed by us for the greater of two years after the termination or until the expiration of the officer's employment period set forth in the employment agreement,

and the officer's options shall vest in full. If the officer's employment by us is terminated by death of the officer, his or her options shall vest in full.

Mr. Gilley's current agreement with Parthus provides that in the event of a change in control of Parthus, if within six months his employment is terminated without cause or fault, he is entitled to receive an amount equal to six months salary and all options granted to him will vest in full. This agreement will be superseded by his new employment agreement which, by contrast, as indicated above, will provide that if Mr. Gilley is terminated by us, or by our successor resulting from a change in control, for any reason other than for cause, or if he resigns for good reason, he will be entitled to 24 months salary and fringe benefits, and all options granted to him will vest in full.

## **Parthus Repayment of Capital**

In their capacity as Parthus shareholders, the existing directors and executive officers of Parthus (including Brian Long) and their affiliates, as a group, will receive, in the aggregate, approximately 31% of the \$60 million cash repayment of capital to be made to Parthus shareholders immediately prior to the combination. Within this group, those who will also serve as directors or executive officers of ParthusCeva immediately following the combination (including Brian Long) and their affiliates will receive, in the aggregate, approximately 23% of the total repayment and Mr. Long himself will receive approximately 18.5% of the total repayment.

The \$60 million cash repayment of capital to be made to Parthus shareholders is being made to provide an interim cash return to the Parthus shareholders and to achieve a capital structure for the combined entity that properly reflects the relative contributions of the two constituent companies.

The Parthus affiliates entitled to receive amounts pursuant to the distribution are Brian Long, Kevin Fielding, Michael Peirce, Peter McManamon, Kelburn Limited and Joan Scully, who will receive approximately \$11,213,068, \$628, \$1,871,550, \$3,049,669, \$2,699,701 and \$28,505, respectively.

# **Executive Compensation**

Presented below is certain information for fiscal year 2001 concerning the compensation for Eliyahu Ayalon, a member of our board of directors, Gideon Wertheizer, our Executive Vice President—Business Development and Chief Technology Officer, Issachar Ohana, Vice President and General Manager—DSP Intellectual Property Licensing Division and Bat-Sheva Ovadia, Chief Scientist—DSP Technologies. We had no employees in 2001. Messrs. Ayalon, Wertheizer, Ohana and Ms. Ovadia were the only four of our expected executive officers, a majority of whose compensation with DSP Group was allocated to us for fiscal 2001 (the "Named Executive Officers").

### **Summary Compensation Table**

		2001 Annual Compensation		
Name and Principal Position	Salary(\$)(1)	Bonus(\$)(2)		
Eliyahu Ayalon		*		
Member of the Board of Directors	\$191,522	\$210,000		
Gideon Wertheizer				
Executive Vice President—Business Development and Chief Technology				
Officer	\$206,787	\$100,000		
Issachar Ohana				
Vice President and General Manager of the DSP Intellectual Property				
Licensing Division	\$177,560	\$ 0		
Bat-Sheva Ovadia		•		
Chief Scientist—DSP Technologies	\$128,111	\$ 40,000		

<sup>(1)</sup> Salaries include social benefit payments and car allowances. With respect to Mr. Ohana, salaries also include sales commission in the aggregate amount of \$54,110.

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes bonus amounts earned in 2001 and paid in 2002.

The following information relates to the executive compensation received from Parthus by the executive officers of Parthus during 2001, although such individuals received no compensation from Ceva in that period.

The aggregate compensation, including benefits in kind, paid to Parthus directors and senior management for 2001 was \$1,134,000. Parthus also granted to Parthus directors and senior management during 2001 options to purchase an aggregate of 16,150,000 Parthus ordinary shares at an average exercise price of \$0.45 per share. These options expire in 2008. Parthus executive directors do not receive any additional compensation for their services as members of the Parthus Board but are reimbursed for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings of the board of directors.

The following table sets out remuneration, including pension contributions, paid to or accrued for all of the Parthus directors for 2001:

	Salary and fees	Bonuses	Taxable Benefits	Pension contributions	Total 2001	Total 2000
	(in thousands)					
Executive Directors		•		14		
Brian Long	\$182	\$—	\$ 2	\$ 27	\$211	\$363
Kevin Fielding*	192	· —	1	19.	212	20
Non-executive Directors						
Michael Peirce		· — ,		. <del>-</del> .	· —	
William McCabe	35	_	_	_	35	35
Sven-Christer Nilsson*	40				40	30
	\$631	\$	\$ 6	<u>\$ 73</u>	<u>\$710</u>	\$811

<sup>\*</sup> Mr. Fielding was appointed a director on November 27, 2000; Mr. Nilsson was appointed a director on March 31, 2000.

## **Option Grants in Fiscal Year 2001**

The following table sets forth certain information for each of our Named Executive Officers concerning stock options of Ceva granted to them during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001.

	Individual Grants					
	Number of Ceva Securities Underlying Options	Percent of Total Options	Exercise Price Per	Expiration	Value at Ass Rates of Apprec	Realizable sumed Annual Stock Price iation for Term(5)
	Granted(1)	Granted(2)	Share(3)	Date(4)	5%(\$)	10%(\$)
Gideon Wertheizer	300,000	29.9%	\$5.37	01/22/08	\$655,838	\$1,528,380

<sup>(1)</sup> Options granted pursuant to Ceva's 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. 25% of the options granted vest one year from the date of grant. Thereafter the remaining 75% of the options granted vest quarterly over the next three years.

<sup>(2)</sup> In the last fiscal year, Ceva, Inc. granted options to purchase an aggregate of 1,002,740 shares.

<sup>(3)</sup> In determining the fair market value of our common stock, our board of directors considered various factors, including our financial condition and business prospects, our operating results, the absence of a market for our common stock and the risks normally associated with high technology companies and relied significantly upon the report of Ducas Economic Planning Ltd. related to the valuation of the DSP cores licensing business. The exercise price may be paid in cash, check, promissory note, shares of our common stock, through a cashless exercise procedure involving same-day sale of the purchased shares or any combination of such methods.

<sup>(4)</sup> Options may terminate before their expiration dates if the optionee's status as an employee or consultant is terminated or upon the optionee's death or disability.

<sup>(5)</sup> The 5% and 10% assumed annual rates of compounded stock price appreciation are mandated by rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and do not represent our estimate or projection of our future common stock prices.

In addition, as part of the separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group and the distribution of the equity of Ceva held by DSP Group to its stockholders, each DSP Group option held by our Named Executive Officers entitled them to receive an option to purchase one share of ParthusCeva's common stock for every three shares of DSP Group common stock covered by the option. As a result, as of June 30, 2002, Messrs. Ayalon, Ohana and Wertheizer and Ms. Ovadia received options to purchase 380,000, 30,000, 23,333 and 23,500 shares of ParthusCeva's common stock, respectively.

The following information relates to option grants for the executive officers of Parthus during 2001, although such individuals did not receive option grants or hold any options from Ceva in that period. Parthus options will continue with the same terms and conditions after the combination with Ceva, except that they will become options to purchase shares of ParthusCeva's common stock such that the number of shares of ParthusCeva's common stock purchasable upon the exercise of each Parthus option will be equal to the number of Parthus shares underlying the option, adjusted to take into account the conversion of Parthus shares into ParthusCeva shares. The exercise price per share will also be adjusted proportionately. If a satisfactory supplemental private letter ruling is obtained from the Internal Revenue Service, certain Parthus options will be repriced immediately prior to becoming options to purchase ParthusCeva common stock. See "Combination with Parthus Technologies plc—Adjustment of Exercise Prices of Parthus Options."

As of July 31, 2002, options to purchase 107,866,312 ordinary shares were outstanding at exercise prices ranging from \$0.031 to \$2.70 per share. Of these, options to purchase an aggregate of 36,771,850 ordinary shares were held by directors and executive officers of Parthus who will serve as directors or executive officers of ParthusCeva after the combination. Below is table showing option grants to Parthus officers and directors in fiscal 2001:

	Parthus Options						
Name	Number of Ordinary Shares Underlying Options	Exercise Price	Dates of Grant	Expiration Date			
Kevin Fielding	4,900,000	\$0.285	9/20/01	9/20/08			
Eoin Gilley	2,250,000	\$ 1.50	3/2/01	3/2/08			
	3,000,000	\$0.285	9/20/01	9/20/08			
Elaine Coughlan	3,000,000	\$0.285	9/20/01	9/20/08			
William McLean	3,000,000	\$0.285	9/20/01	9/20/08			

## **Stock Plans**

2002 Stock Incentive Plan

Our 2002 Stock Incentive Plan was adopted by our board of directors and sole stockholder in July 2002. Up to 1,800,000 shares of our common stock, which number reflects the adjustments from actions taken in connection with the spin-off of Ceva from DSP Group and is subject to adjustment in the event of future stock splits and other similar events, are reserved for issuance under the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan. No options have been granted to date under the 2002 plan, which became effective as of the date of the combination with Parthus.

The 2002 Stock Incentive Plan provides for the grant of incentive stock options intended to qualify under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code, nonqualified stock options and restricted stock awards. Our officers, employees, directors, outside consultants and advisors and those of our present and future parent and subsidiary corporations are eligible to receive awards under the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan. Under present law, however, incentive stock options may only be granted to employees.

Optionees receive the right to purchase a specified number of shares of our common stock at a specified option price, subject to the terms and conditions of the option grant. We may grant options at an exercise price less than, equal to or greater than the fair market value of our common stock on the date of the grant. Under present law, incentive stock options and options intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code may not be granted at an exercise price less than the fair market

value of the common stock on the date of grant, or less than 110% of the fair market value in the case of incentive stock options granted to optionees holding more than 10% of our voting power. The 2002 Stock Incentive Plan permits our board of directors to determine how optionees may pay the exercise price of their options, including by cash, check or in connection with a "cashless exercise" through a broker, by surrender of shares of common stock to us, or by any combination of the permitted forms of payment.

Our board of directors and our compensation committee have authority to administer the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan. Our board of directors or our compensation committee has the authority to adopt, amend and repeal the administrative rules, guidelines and practices relating to the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan and to interpret its provisions. Our board of directors may also delegate authority under the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan to one or more committees or subcommittees of our board of directors or to one or more of our executive officers. Subject to any applicable limitations contained in the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan, our board of directors, our compensation committee or any other committee or executive officer to whom our board of directors delegates authority, as the case may be, selects the recipients of awards and determines:

- the number of shares of common stock covered by options and the dates upon which such options become exercisable;
- · the exercise price of options;
- · the duration of options; and
- the number of shares of common stock subject to any restricted stock awards and the terms and conditions of such awards, including the conditions for repurchase, issue price, and repurchase price.

Our board of directors determines the effect on an award of the disability, death, retirement, authorized leave of absence or other change in employment or other status of a plan participant.

In the event of a proposed liquidation or dissolution event, all unexercised options will become exercisable in full as of a specified period of time before the event and will terminate immediately prior to the event. Our board of directors may specify the effect of a liquidation or dissolution on any restricted stock award under the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan at the time of the grant of such award.

In the event of a merger, consolidation or exchange of all of our common stock in a share exchange transaction, all outstanding options under the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan may be assumed or substituted for by the acquiring or succeeding corporation. If the options are not assumed or substituted for by the acquiring or succeeding corporation, all unexercised options will become exercisable in full as of a specified period of time before the event and will terminate immediately prior to the event. In the event of a merger, consolidation or exchange of all of our common stock in a share exchange transaction, our rights, including repurchase rights, with respect to outstanding restricted stock awards will become the rights of the acquiring or succeeding corporation and shall apply to the cash, securities or other property into which our common stock was converted in the merger, consolidation or share exchange.

No award may be granted under the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan after July 2012, but the vesting and effectiveness of awards granted before those dates may extend beyond those date. Our board of directors may at any time amend, suspend, or terminate the 2002 Stock Incentive Plan. See also "Separation of DSP Cores Licensing Business from DSP Group—Treatment of DSP Group Stock Options."

# 2000 Stock Incentive Plan

In July 2000, we adopted our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. As of June 30, 2002, there were options to purchase 2,517,020 shares of common stock outstanding under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan with a weighted average exercise prices of \$5.54 per share, no shares had been issued pursuant to the exercise of options or equity

incentive awards under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan. No further options grants will be made under the 2000 plan.

Our board of directors or a committee designated by the board administers our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, including selecting the optionees, determining the number of shares to be subject to each option, determining the exercise price of each option and determining the vesting and exercise periods of each option. The exercise price of all incentive stock options and non-statutory stock options granted under our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan must be at least equal to the fair market value of our common stock on the date of grant. With respect to any participant who owns stock possessing more than 10% of the voting power of all our classes of stock, the exercise price of any incentive stock option granted must equal at least 110% of the fair market value on the grant date and the maximum term of any these options must not exceed five years. The maximum term of an incentive stock option granted to any other participant must not exceed ten years. The term of all other awards granted under our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan will be determined by the board or committee designated by the board.

Generally, options granted under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (other than those granted to non-employee directors) vest at a rate of 25% of the shares underlying the option after one year and the remaining shares vest in equal portions over the following 12 quarters, such that all shares are vested after four years.

In the event a participant in our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan terminates his or her, employment, or is terminated by us other than for cause, any options which have become exercisable prior to the time of termination shall remain exercisable for twelve months from the date of termination if termination was caused by death or disability, or three months from the date of termination if termination was caused by reasons other than death or disability. In the event a participant in our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan is terminated by us for cause, his or her option shall terminate concurrently with the termination of employment, including options which have become exercisable prior to the time of termination.

In the event we merge with or into another corporation or dispose of all or substantially all of our assets, or in the event of certain other transactions in which our stockholders before the transaction own less than 50% of the total combined voting power of all our outstanding securities after the transaction, all outstanding awards under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan will become fully vested and exercisable (but will terminate after the completion of any of these events) unless they are assumed or equivalent awards are substituted by the successor corporation or any of its parents or subsidiaries assumes or replaces awards granted under the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, none of the awards will be subject to accelerated vesting.

Unless terminated sooner, our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan will terminate in 2010. Our board of directors has authority to amend or terminate our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, provided that this action will not impair the rights of any participant without the written consent of that participant. See also "Separation of DSP Cores Licensing Business from DSP Group—Treatment of DSP Group Stock Options."

#### Parthus 2000 Stock Incentive Plan

In connection with our combination with Parthus, we assumed the Parthus 2000 Share Option Plan and the options granted under it. Each option under that plan became an option to purchase the number of shares of our common stock that the holder of such option would have received had such holder exercised the option prior to the combination and held Parthus ordinary shares, and the exercise price per share was adjusted proportionately. Otherwise, the options outstanding under the Parthus 2000 Share Option Plan continue to be governed by the terms of this plan. No further options will be granted or other awards made under this plan. As of June 30, 2002, there were options to purchase 106,549,710 Parthus ordinary shares outstanding under the this plan with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.56 per share.

Under the terms of the plan, options may be granted to Parthus employees, consultants or directors and the employees, consultants and directors of any of Parthus' subsidiaries. The option holder is entitled to exercise an option in respect of 25% of the total number of shares subject to option on the first anniversary of the date of grant. Each successive month thereafter, the option holder is entitled to exercise options in respect of 1/48th of the total number of shares subject to the option. All shares allotted under the plan rank equally in all respects with our ordinary shares.

No option may be sold, pledged, assigned, transferred or otherwise disposed of in any other manner by the option holder during his or her lifetime. Options will lapse to the extent that they have not been exercised by the earliest of the seventh anniversary of its date of grant, the expiration of 12 months from the date of death of the option holder or three months from the date of cessation of the option holder's status as an employee, consultant or director.

#### Chicory Systems, Inc. 1999 Employee Stock Option/Stock Issuance Plan

Parthus assumed the Chicory Systems, Inc. 1999 Employee Stock Option/Stock Issuance Plan, which we refer to as the Chicory Plan, and the options granted under it, in May 2001 in connection with Parthus' acquisition of Chicory Systems, Inc. As of June 30, 2002, there were options to purchase 1,249,401 Parthus ordinary shares outstanding under the Chicory Plan with a weighted average exercise price of \$0.07 per share. No further options will be granted or other awards made under the Chicory Plan. We assumed the Chicory Plan and the options granted under it in connection with the combination of Parthus and Ceva, and all options under that plan have become options to purchase shares of our common stock. Each option under that plan became an option to purchase the number of shares of our common stock that the holder of such option would have received had such holder exercised the option prior to the combination and held Parthus ordinary shares, and the exercise price per share was adjusted proportionately. Otherwise, the options outstanding under the Chicory Plan continue to be governed by the terms of this plan.

In the event a participant in the Chicory Plan terminates his or her employment, or is terminated other than for cause, any options which have become exercisable prior to the time of termination remain exercisable for twelve months from the date of termination if termination was caused by death or disability, or three months from the date of termination if termination was caused by reasons other than death or disability. In the event a participant in the Chicory Plan is terminated for cause, or engages in conduct that would warrant termination for cause, his or her option terminates immediately.

In the event ParthusCeva is a party to a merger or consolidation in which securities possessing more than 50% of the total combined voting power of ParthusCeva's outstanding securities are transferred to persons different from the persons holding those securities immediately prior to that transaction, or if ParthusCeva sells, transfers or otherwise disposes of all or substantially all of its assets in complete liquidation or dissolution, all options under the Chicory Plan shall automatically vest in full (and shall terminate, except to the extent assumed by the successor corporation) unless the options are assumed by the successor corporation or its parent, the options are replaced with a cash incentive program of the successor corporation which preserves the spread existing on the unvested option shares at the time of the transaction and provides for subsequent payout in accordance with the same vesting schedule applicable to those unvested option shares, or the acceleration of the options is subject to other limitations imposed by the administrator of the Chicory Plan at the time of the option grants.

#### 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan

Our 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan was adopted by our board of directors and sole stockholder in July 2002. Our Employee Stock Purchase Plan is intended to qualify as an "Employee Stock Purchase Plan" under Section 423 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code and is intended to provide our employees with an opportunity to purchase common stock through payroll deductions. An aggregate of 1,000,000 shares of common stock, which number reflects the adjustments from actions taken in connection with the spin-off of Ceva from DSP Group and is subject to adjustment in the event of future stock splits, future stock dividends or other similar changes in our common stock or our capital structure, have been reserved for issuance and are available for purchase under our Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

All of our employees who are regularly employed for more than five months in any calendar year and work 20 hours or more per week will be eligible to participate in our 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. Non-employee directors, consultants, and employees subject to the rules or laws of a foreign jurisdiction that prohibit or make impractical their participation in an employee stock purchase plan will not be eligible to participate in our 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Our 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan designates offer periods, purchase periods and exercise dates. Offer periods will generally be overlapping periods of 24 months. Purchase periods will generally be six-month periods. The initial purchase period will commence following the combination on a date designated by our board of directors and will end on a date no later than 27 months following the commencement date of the initial purchase period. Thereafter, purchase periods will commence each February 1 and August 1. Exercise dates are the last day of each purchase period. In the event we merge with or into another corporation, sell all or substantially all of our assets, or enter into other transactions in which all of our stockholders before the transaction own less than 50% of the total combined voting power of our outstanding securities following the transaction, our board of directors or a committee designated by the board may elect to shorten the offer period then in progress.

On the first day of each offer period, a participating employee will be granted a purchase right. A purchase right is a form of option that will be automatically exercised on the appropriate exercise date. During the purchase period, payroll deductions will be made with respect to participating employees and the amounts deducted will be held to purchase our common stock at the end of the purchase period. The price per share at which shares of common stock are to be purchased under our 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan during any purchase period is the lesser of:

- 85% of the fair market value of our common stock on the date of the grant of the option, which is the commencement of the offer period; or
- 85% of the fair market value of our common stock on the exercise date, which is the last day of a purchase period.

The participant's purchase right is exercised in this manner on each exercise date arising in the offer period unless, on the first day of any purchase period, the fair market value of our common stock is lower than the fair market value of our common stock on the first day of the offer period. If so, the participant's participation in the original offer period will be terminated, and the participant will automatically be enrolled in the new offer period effective the same date.

Payroll deductions may range from 1% to 10% in whole percentage increments of a participant's regular base pay and sales commissions, exclusive of bonuses, overtime, annual awards, other incentive payments, reimbursements or other expense allowances, fringe benefits (cash and noncash), moving expenses, deferred compensation, third party sick or disability pay, income or gains attributable to restricted stock, stock options, stock appreciation rights or other similar equity-based compensation, imputed income or other non-cash items, such as life insurance premiums and similar items, or contributions under any employee welfare or benefit plan, or certain other items. The maximum number of shares of common stock that any employee may purchase under our 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan during an offer period is determined by dividing \$50,000 by the fair market value of a share of common stock on the enrollment date for such offer period. No more than 25% of the maximum number of shares which may be purchased during an offer period may be purchased during any single purchase period within the offer period. U.S. tax laws impose additional limitations on the amount of common stock that may be purchased during any calendar year.

Our 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan will be administered by our board of directors or a committee designated by our board, which will have the authority to terminate or amend our 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, subject to specified restrictions, and otherwise to administer and resolve all questions relating to the administration of our 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The following table sets forth certain information known to us with respect to beneficial ownership of our common stock as of June 30, 2002 by:

- each person known by us to own beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding shares of our common stock after the distribution of our common stock by DSP Group and our combination with Parthus;
- each of our directors;
- each Named Executive Officer (see "Management-Executive Compensation"); and
- all current executive officers and directors as a group.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person and the percentage ownership of that person, shares subject to options held by that person that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002 are deemed outstanding. Percentage of beneficial ownership in DSP Group is based upon 27,057,993 shares of DSP Group's common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2002. Percentage of beneficial ownership in Parthus is based upon 590,605,690 ordinary shares of Parthus outstanding as of June 30, 2002. Percentage of beneficial ownership in Ceva prior to the transactions is based upon 20,000,000 shares of Ceva common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2002. Percentage of beneficial ownership in ParthusCeva is based upon 18,002,657 shares of ParthusCeva common stock outstanding as of June 30, 2002 (giving effect to the spin-off and combination). This calculation assumes that immediately upon the closing of the separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP group and the combination of Ceva and Parthus, the existing stockholders of DSP Group will hold 50.1% or 9,019,331 shares, and the existing shareholders of Parthus will hold 49.9%, or 8,983,326 shares, of the outstanding common stock of ParthusCeva (and is based on the number of shares of DSP Group common stock and the number of Parthus ordinary shares outstanding as of June 30, 2002).

To our knowledge, except as set forth in the footnotes to this table and subject to applicable community property laws, each person named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares set forth opposite such person's name. Except as otherwise indicated, the address of each of the persons in this table is as follows: c/o ParthusCeva, Inc., 2033 Gateway Place, Suite 150, San Jose, CA 95110-1002.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares of DSP Group prior to transactions	Percentage ownership in DSP Group prior to transactions	Number of Shares of Ceva prior to transactions(1)	Percentage ownership in Ceva prior to transactions	Number of Shares of Parthus prior to transactions	Percentage ownership in Parthus prior to transactions	Number of Shares of ParthusCeva after transactions(2)(3)	Percentage ownership in ParthusCeva after transactions
Eliyahu Ayalon(4)	760,059	2.7%	600,000	2.9%	· · —	_	523,919	2.83%
Brian Long(5)	· —	_		— · ·	110,442,422	18.7%	1,683,417	9.35%
Ollaberry Limited(6)	· —	_	_	_ ·	100,492,422	17.05%	1,531,754	8.5%
Kevin Fielding(7)		_	<u> </u>	. – .	1,327,127	0.2%	20,229	0.11%
Zvi Limon(8)	33,333	0.1%	16,000	*		·	7,215	0.04%
Bruce Mann(9)	_	_	8,000	*	_	• •	3,608	0.02%
Sven-Christer Nilsson(10)	_	_		_	249,990	0.04%	3,810	0.02%
Louis Silver(11)	33,334	0.1%	_	*	. —		3,333	0.02%
Gideon Wertheizer(12)	138,124	0.5%	112,500	*			96,773	0.54%
Eoin Gilley(13)			_		994,260	0.2%	15,155	0.08%
Elaine Coughlan(14)		· —	· · <del></del>		856,650	0.1%	13,057	0.07%
William McLean(15)		_	_	<del></del>	835,830	0.1%	12,740	0.07%
Issachar Ohana(16)	19,185	0.07%	28,000	*	_		19,021	0.11%
Bat-Sheva Ovadia(17)	61,288	0.2%	28,000	*	_	_	33,056	0.18%
officers as a group(18)	1,045,323	3.7%	792,500	3.8%	114,706,279	19.3%	2,435,333	12.99%

- (1) All shares listed are comprised entirely of stock options granted to these individuals, and show the portion exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002. DSP Group granted options to purchase Ceva common stock to these individuals because it believed that the option grants permitted them to have the possibility of participating in any increase in share value of Ceva common stock (or ParthusCeva common stock after the combination) after the separation of the DSP cores licensing business from DSP Group and created better performance incentives for, and thus increased the retention of, these individuals who would be central to the DSP cores licensing business after the separation and combination.
- Number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions for each individual previously associated with DSP Group is calculated based on an aggregate of (i) shares of ParthusCeva common stock distributed to the individual (using a distribution ratio of one share of Ceva common stock for every three shares of DSP Group common stock held as of June 30, 2002), (ii) shares of ParthusCeva common stock issuable upon exercise of previously granted DSP Group options exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002 (adjusted using the distribution ratio of one share of Ceva common stock for every three shares of DSP Group common stock) and (iii) shares of ParthusCeva common stock issuable upon exercise of previously granted Ceva options exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002 (adjusted to reflect the surrender for cancellation by DSP Group of approximately 55% of its equity ownership in Ceva to Ceva in connection with the spinoff of Ceva from DSP Group). Number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions for each individual previously associated with Parthus is calculated based on the aggregate of (i) shares of ParthusCeva common stock distributed to the individual (based on an assumption that former Parthus shareholders will hold 49.9% of the outstanding shares of ParthusCeva common stock after the combination of Ceva and Parthus) and (ii) shares of ParthusCeva common stock issuable upon exercise of previously granted Parthus options exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002 (adjusted based on the assumption that former Parthus shareholders will hold 49.9% of the outstanding shares of ParthusCeva common stock after the combination of Ceva and Parthus).
- (3) In connection with the separation of the DSP cores licensing business, DSP Group distributed all outstanding shares of Ceva common stock it held to the DSP Group stockholders, and Ceva granted options to purchase an aggregate of 2,210,155 shares of its common stock to holders of DSP Group options. In addition, in connection with Ceva's combination with Parthus, it issued 8,983,326 shares of its common stock to former Parthus shareholders.
- (4) The number of shares of DSP Group prior to transactions includes 755,625 shares of DSP Group common stock subject to options held by Mr. Ayalon that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002. The number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions consists of 1,478 shares of ParthusCeva common stock and 522,441 shares of ParthusCeva common stock subject to options held by Mr. Ayalon that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002.
- (5) The number of shares of Parthus prior to transactions includes (i) 280,000 Parthus ordinary shares held by Mr. Long's wife and (ii) 100,492,422 Parthus ordinary shares held beneficially and of record by Mr. Long that are subject to a put and call option agreement between Mr. Long and Ollaberry Limited, an Isle of Man limited company that is an affiliate of Mr. Long. The number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions consists of 1,683,417 shares of ParthusCeva common stock, of which 1,531,754 shares are subject to a put and call option agreement between Mr. Long and Ollaberry Limited.
- (6) The number of shares of Parthus prior to transactions consists entirely of shares held beneficially and of record by Mr. Long that are subject to a put and call option agreement between Mr. Long and Ollaberry Limited, an Isle of Man limited company that is an affiliate of Mr. Long. The number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions consists of 1,531,754 shares of ParthusCeva common stock held beneficially and of record by Mr. Long that are subject to a put and call option agreement between Mr. Long and Ollaberry Limited. The address of Ollaberry Limited is 41 Athol Street, Douglas, Isle of Man, IM99 1HN.
- (7) The number of shares of Parthus prior to transactions includes 1,320,970 shares of Parthus ordinary shares subject to options held by Mr. Fielding that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60

- days of June 30, 2002. The number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions consists of 94 shares of ParthusCeva common stock and 20,135 shares of ParthusCeva common stock subject to options held by Mr. Fielding that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002.
- (8) The number of shares of DSP Group prior to transactions consists solely of DSP Group common stock subject to options held by Mr. Limon that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002. The number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions consists of solely of shares of ParthusCeva common stock subject to options held by Mr. Limon that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002.
- (9) The number of shares of Ceva prior to the transactions and of ParthusCeva after transactions consists solely of shares of ParthusCeva common stock subject to options held by Mr. Mann that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002.
- (10) The number of shares of Parthus prior to transactions consists solely of Parthus ordinary shares subject to options held by Mr. Nilsson that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002. The number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions consists solely of shares of ParthusCeva common stock subject to options held by Mr. Nilsson that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002.
- (11) The number of shares of DSP Group prior to transactions includes (i) 23,334 shares of DSP Group common stock subject to options held by Mr. Silver that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002, (ii) 2,000 shares of DSP Group common stock held by the Theodore J. Silver Trust of which Mr. Silver disclaims beneficial ownership, and (iii) 8,000 shares of DSP Group common stock held by the Adrienne Silver Trust of which Mr. Silver disclaims beneficial ownership. The number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions consists solely of shares of ParthusCeva common stock subject to options held by Mr. Silver that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002.
- (12) The number of shares of DSP Group prior to transactions consists solely of DSP Group common stock subject to options held by Mr. Wertheizer that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002. The number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions consists solely of shares of ParthusCeva common stock subject to options held by Mr. Wertheizer that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002.
- (13) The number of shares of Parthus prior to transactions includes 958,330 Parthus ordinary shares subject to options held by Mr. Gilley that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002. The number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions consists 548 shares of ParthusCeva common stock and 15,155 shares of ParthusCeva common stock subject to options held by Mr. Gilley that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002.
- (14) The number of shares of Parthus prior to transactions consists solely of Parthus ordinary shares subject to options held by Ms. Coughlan that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002. The number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions consists solely of shares of ParthusCeva common stock subject to options held by Ms. Coughlan that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002.
- (15) The number of shares of Parthus prior to transactions consists solely of shares of Parthus ordinary shares subject to options held by Mr. McLean that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002. The number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions consists solely of shares of ParthusCeva common stock subject to options held by Mr. McLean that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002.
- (16) The number of shares of DSP Group prior to transactions consists solely of DSP Group common stock subject to options held by Mr. Ohana that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002. The number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions consists solely of shares of ParthusCeva common stock subject to options held by Mr. Ohana that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002.
- (17) The number of shares of DSP Group prior to transactions includes 59,184 shares of DSP Group common stock subject to options held by Ms. Ovadia that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable

- within 60 days of June 30, 2002. The number of shares of ParthusCeva after transactions consists of 701 shares of ParthusCeva common stock and 32,354 shares of ParthusCeva common stock subject to options held by Ms. Ovadia that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002.
- (18) Includes an aggregate of (a) 1,028,785 shares of DSP Group common stock, (b) 792,500 shares of Ceva common stock, (c) 4,221,770 ordinary shares of Parthus, and (d) 745,763 shares of ParthusCeva common stock each subject to options that are currently exercisable or will become exercisable within 60 days of June 30, 2002.

#### TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PARTIES

#### Option Grants, Agreements and Relationships with Executive Officers and Directors

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our executive officers and directors, in addition to the indemnification provided in our bylaws. These agreements, among other things, provide for indemnification of our executive officers and directors for expenses, judgments, fines and settlement amounts incurred by any such person in any action or proceeding arising out of such person's services as an executive officer or director at our request. We believe these provisions and agreements are necessary to attract and retain qualified persons as executive officers and directors.

One of our directors, Bruce Mann, is a partner of Morrison & Foerster LLP, our legal counsel.

Eli Ayalon, Chairman of our board of directors, is also a director and executive officer of DSP Group, which will provide significant transition and other services to us after the separation. See "Separation of DSP Cores Licensing Business from DSP Group."

For a description of compensation and option arrangements we have with our executive officers and officers, see "Management—Executive Compensation."

We occupy premises in Dublin under the terms of a lease with Veton Properties Limited. The lease term is 25 years from July 1, 1996 and has an annual rent of €380,922 (approximately \$341,000). Brian Long is a minority shareholder of Veton Properties Limited.

#### Limitation of Liability and Indemnification Matters

See "Description of Capital Stock—Limitation of Directors' and Officers' Liability; Indemnification" for a description of our indemnification obligations with respect to our directors and executive officers.

#### DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

#### **Authorized and Outstanding Capital Stock**

We are authorized to issue up to 105,000,000 shares of common stock. The following description of our capital stock is a summary only and is qualified in its entirety by our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws, and by the provisions of applicable Delaware law.

#### **Common Stock**

As of June 30, 2002, there were 20,000,000 shares of common stock outstanding. Holders of common stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted upon by the stockholders. The board of directors may declare a dividend out of funds legally available therefor and, subject to preferences that may be applicable to any then-outstanding preferred stock and the terms of any future agreements with our debtholders, the holders of common stock are entitled to receive ratably any such dividends. In the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, subject to preferences that may be applicable to any then-outstanding preferred stock, holders of our common stock are entitled to share ratably in all of our assets legally available for distribution after payment of all debts and other liabilities. Holders of our common stock have no preemptive rights or other subscription rights to convert their shares into any other securities. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the common stock. All outstanding shares of common stock are fully paid and nonassessable.

#### **Preferred Stock**

We are authorized to issue up to 5,000,000 shares of preferred stock that will not be designated as a particular class. Our board of directors will have the authority to issue the undesignated preferred stock in one or more series and to determine the powers, preferences and rights and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions

granted to or imposed upon any wholly unissued series of undesignated preferred stock and to fix the number of shares constituting any series and the designation of such series, without any further vote or action by the stockholders. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing desirable flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could decrease the amount of earnings and assets available for distribution to holders of common stock, and may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change of control of our company without further action by our stockholders and may adversely affect the voting and other rights of the holders of our common stock. At present, we have no plans to issue any shares of preferred stock.

#### Anti-takeover Effects of Provisions of Our Certificate of Incorporation and Bylaws and Delaware Law

Some provisions of Delaware law and some provisions which we have adopted in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws could make the following difficult:

- acquisition of ParthusCeva by means of a tender offer,
- acquisition of ParthusCeva by means of a proxy contest or otherwise, or
- removal of our incumbent officers and directors.

These provisions, summarized below, are expected to discourage coercive takeover practices and inadequate takeover bids. These provisions are also designed to encourage persons seeking to acquire control of us to first negotiate with our board of directors. We believe that the benefits of increased protection of our potential ability to negotiate with the proponent of an unfriendly or unsolicited proposal to acquire or restructure us outweigh the disadvantages of discouraging such proposals because negotiation of such proposals could result in an improvement of their terms.

Stockholder Meetings. Under our bylaws, only the board of directors, the chairman of the board and the president will be able to call special meetings of stockholders.

Requirements for Advance Notification of Stockholder Nominations and Proposals. Our bylaws establish advance notice procedures with respect to stockholder proposals and the nomination of candidates for election as directors, other than nominations made by or at the direction of the board of directors or a committee of the board of directors.

Elimination of Stockholder Action By Written Consent. Our certificate of incorporation eliminates the right of stockholders to act by written consent without a meeting.

Undesignated Preferred Stock. The ability to authorize undesignated preferred stock makes it possible for our board of directors to issue preferred stock with voting or other rights or preferences that could impede the success of any attempt to change control of our company.

Delaware Anti-Takeover Law. We are subject to Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, an anti-takeover law. In general, Section 203 prohibits a publicly held Delaware corporation from engaging in a "business combination" with an "interested stockholder" for a period of three years following the date the person became an interested stockholder, unless the "business combination" or the transaction in which the person became an interested stockholder is approved in a prescribed manner. Generally, a "business combination" includes a merger, asset or stock sale, or other transaction resulting in a financial benefit to the interested stockholder. Generally, an "interested stockholder" is a person who, together with affiliates and associates, owns or within three years prior to the determination of interested stockholder status did own, 15% or more of a corporation's voting stock. The existence of this provision may have an anti-takeover effect with respect to transactions not approved in advance by the board of directors, including discouraging attempts that might result in a premium over the market price for the shares of our common stock held by stockholders.

Amendment of Charter Provisions. The amendment of any of the above provisions would require approval by holders of at least a majority of the outstanding common stock.

### Limitation of Directors' and Officers' Liability; Indemnification

Our Certificate of Incorporation includes provisions that limit the personal liability of our officers and directors for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duties as directors, except for liability that cannot be eliminated under the Delaware General Corporation Law. The Delaware General Corporation Law does not permit a provision in a corporation's certificate of incorporation that would eliminate such liability (i) for any breach of their duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (ii) for acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (iii) for any unlawful payment of a dividend or unlawful stock repurchase or redemption, as provided in Section 174 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, or (iv) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

While these provisions provide directors with protection from awards for monetary damages for breaches of their duty of care, they do not eliminate such duty. Accordingly, these provisions will have no effect on the availability of equitable remedies such as an injunction or rescission based on a director's breach of his or her duty of care. The provisions described above apply to an officer of a corporation only if he or she is a director of such corporation and is acting in his or her capacity as director, and do not apply to the officers of the corporation who are not directors.

Our Bylaws provide that, to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law, we may indemnify our directors, officers, employees and agents. In addition, we have entered into an indemnification agreement pursuant to which we will indemnify such director to the fullest extent permitted by the Delaware General Corporation Law. These agreements, among other things, provide for the indemnification of our directors and officers for certain expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and settlement amounts incurred by any such person in any action or proceeding, including any action by or in the right of ParthusCeva, arising out of such person's services as a director or officer of ParthusCeva or any other company or enterprise to which such person provides services at our request to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law. We believe that these provisions and agreements will assist us in attracting and retaining qualified persons to serve as directors and officers. At present, there is no pending litigation or proceeding involving any of our directors or officers in which indemnification is required or permitted, and we are not aware of any threatened litigation or proceeding that may result in a claim for such indemnification.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of ParthusCeva in accordance with the provisions contained in our charter documents, Delaware law or otherwise, we have been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission this indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. If a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by us of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of ParthusCeva in the successful defense of any action, suit, or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person, we will, unless in the opinion of our counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by us is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and we will follow the court's determination.

We maintain insurance on behalf of our officers and directors, insuring them against liabilities that they may incur in such capacities or arising out of such status.

#### Listing ...

We have filed applications to list our common stock on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol "PCVA" and on the London Stock Exchange under the symbol "PCV."

#### SHARES ELIGIBLE FOR FUTURE SALE

Except as described below, all of the shares of our common stock distributed by DSP Group to its stockholders and issued by us to the former Parthus shareholders will be freely tradable without restriction under the Securities Act unless the shares are distributed or issued to persons deemed to be our "affiliates," as that term is defined in Rule 144 under the Securities Act or persons who were "affiliates" of Parthus prior to the completion of the combination pursuant to Rule 145 under the Securities Act, each as described in further detail below.

#### Rule 144

In general, under Rule 144, a person (or persons whose shares are aggregated) who has beneficially owned shares for at least one year is entitled to sell within any three-month period a number of shares that does not exceed the greater of:

- 1% of the then outstanding shares of our common stock, or
- the average weekly trading volume during the four calendar weeks preceding such sale, subject to the filing of a Form 144 with respect to the sale.

A person (or persons whose shares are aggregated) who is not deemed to have been our affiliate at any time during the 90 days immediately preceding the sale who has beneficially owned his or her shares for at least two years is entitled to sell these shares pursuant to Rule 144(k) without regard to the limitations described above. Affiliates must always sell pursuant to Rule 144, even after the applicable holding periods have been satisfied.

Sales under Rule 144 are also subject to manner of sale provisions and notice requirements and to the availability of current public information about ParthusCeva. Sales under Rule 144 will not be permissible until 90 days from the date of effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

We cannot estimate the number of shares that will be sold under Rule 144, as this will depend on the market price for our common stock, the personal circumstances of the sellers and other factors.

#### Rule 145

The shares of our common stock issued to former Parthus shareholders in connection with the combination are not being registered under the Securities Act or the securities laws of any state of the United States. Such securities are instead being issued in reliance upon the exemption provided by Section 3(a)(10) of the Securities Act and applicable exemptions under state securities laws. Securities issued in connection with the combination are freely transferable under U.S. federal securities laws, except for securities held by persons who are deemed to be "affiliates" within the meaning of Rule 145 promulgated under the Securities Act. Such securities held by "affiliates" may be resold by them only in compliance with the resale provisions of Rule 145 or as otherwise permitted under the Securities Act.

We will grant shares of our common stock pursuant to our 2002 Stock Incentive Plan. See "Management—Stock Plans—2002 Stock Incentive Plan." We currently expect to file a registration statement on Form S-8 under the Securities Act to register shares reserved for issuance under our 2000 Stock Incentive Plan, our 2002 Stock Incentive Plan, our 2002 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, the Parthus 2000 Share Option Plan and the Parthus-Chicory Systems, Inc. 1999 Employee Stock Option/Stock Issuance Plan.

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## CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### In U.S. Dollars Unaudited

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## INTERIM CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS U.S. dollars in thousands

	December 31, 2001	June 30, 2002	
·	Note 1c	Unaudited	
ASSETS			
Current Assets:			
Trade receivables	\$ 8,115	\$ 8,683	
Other accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	319	1,592	
Deferred income taxes	240	240	
Inventories	50	· 125	
Total current assets	8,724	10,640	
Long-Term Investment:	•		
Severance pay fund	1,084	1,197	
Long-term lease deposits	190	209	
	1,274	1,406	
Property And Equipment, Net	2,199	2,498	
Total assets	\$12,197	\$14,544	

# INTERIM CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS U.S. dollars in thousands (except share data)

	December 31, 2001	June 30, 2002
	Note 1c	Unaudited
LIABILITIES, STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND PARENT		
COMPANY INVESTMENT		
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		•
Trade payables	\$ 707	\$ 1,582
Employees and payroll accruals	2,006	1,528
Income tax payable	3,496	. 783
Accrued expenses	519	630
Deferred revenues		62
Total current liabilities	6,728	4,585
Accrued Severance pay	1,124	1,221
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES		
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND PARENT COMPANY		• •
INVESTMENT:		
Common Stock:		
\$ 0.001 par value: 100,000,000 and 105,000,000 shares authorized at		
December 31, 2001, and June 30, 2002, respectively;		
20,000,000 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2001 and		*, *
June 30, 2002	20	20
Parent company investment	4,325	8,718
Retained earnings	_	_
Total stockholders' equity and Parent company investment	4,345	8,738
Total liabilities, stockholders' equity and Parent company	· .	
investment	\$12,197	<u>\$14,544</u>

# INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME U.S. dollars in thousands

	Six months ended June 30,		Three months ended June 30,	
	2001	2002	2001	2002
		Unauc	dited	
Revenues:				
Licenses and royalties	\$10,666	\$6,995	\$5,856	\$3,782
Technical support, maintenance and other	2,322	1,687	1,164	804
Total revenues	12,988	8,682	7,020	4,586
Cost of revenues	607	616	341	305
Gross profit	12,381	8,066	6,679	4,281
Operating expenses:		.*		
Research and development, net	2,688	3,216	1,481	1,566
Sales and marketing	1,330	1,493	702	790
General and administrative	1,354	1,355	674	662
Total operating expenses	5,372	6,064	2,857	3,018
Operating income	7,009	2,002	3,822	1,263
Operating income Financial income, net	221	50	115	32
Income before taxes on income	7,230	2,052	3,937	1,295
Taxes on income.	1,123	- 542	. 265	300
Net income	\$ .6,107	\$1,510	\$3,672	\$ 995

# INTERIM STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND PARENT COMPANY INVESTMENT

U.S. dollars in thousands (except share data)

Balance as of January 1, 2001 (Note 1c)		Amount	company investment	Retained earnings	company investment
	0,000,000	\$ 20:	\$2,000	\$	\$ 2,020
Net income (unaudited)			_	6,107	6,107
Capital return to Parent Company (unaudited)				(6,107)	(6,107)
Contribution from Parent Company (unaudited)	<u> </u>		3,234	· <u> </u>	3,234
Balance as of June 30, 2001 (unaudited) 20	0,000,000	\$ 20	\$5,234	<u>\$</u>	\$ 5,254
	•				
			Section 1	1. 1.	Total
	40.0				stockholders'
	Common s	tock	Parent company	Retained	equity and Parent company
talian kanalan	Shares	Amount	investment	earnings	investment
Balance as of January 1, 2002 (Note 1c) 20	0,000,000	\$ 20	\$4,325	\$ —	\$ 4,345
Net income (unaudited)				1,510	1,510
Capital return to Parent Company (unaudited)				(1,510)	(1,510)
Contribution from Parent Company (unaudited)	·		4,393	_	4,393
				. <u> </u>	
	Shares	Amount	company investment	s —	company investments \$ 4,345

# INTERIM CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS U.S. dollars in thousands

	Six mont June	
	2001	2002
	Unau	dited
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 6,107	\$ 1,510
Adjustments required to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	244	453
Increase in trade receivables	. (437)	(568)
Decrease (increase) in other accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	90	(1,273)
Increase in inventories	(92)	(75)
Increase in trade payables	231	875
Decrease in employees and payroll accruals	(180)	(478)
Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses	(26)	111
Decrease in income tax payable	(2,324)	(2,713)
Increase in deferred revenues	62	62
Increase (decrease) in accrued severance pay, net	11	(16)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	3,686	(2,112)
Cash flows from investing activities:	•	
Purchase of property and equipment	(729)	(752)
Investment in long term lease deposits, net	(84)	(19)
Net cash used in investing activities	(813)	(771)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Capital returned to Parent Company	(6,107)	(1,510)
Contribution from Parent Company	3,234	4,393
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(2,873)	2,883
Changes in cash and cash equivalents	_	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period		
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	<u>s — </u>	\$ -

## NOTES TO INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS U.S. dollars in thousands

#### NOTE 1:—GENERAL

#### a. Background:

Ceva, Inc. (the "Company") is currently a wholly-owned subsidiary of DSP Group, Inc. (the "Parent"). These financial statements reflect the transfer by the Parent of the DSP cores licensing business and operations and the related assets and liabilities of such businesses and operations to the Company immediately prior to the spin-off of the Company to the stockholders of the Parent (the "Separation").

The Company is engaged in the development and license of designs for programmable digital signal processor cores ("DSP Cores"). A programmable DSP Core is a special purpose, software-controlled processor that, through complex mathematical calculations, analyzes, manipulates and enhances voice, audio and video signals. The programmable DSP Cores that the Company designs are used as the central processor in semiconductor chips made for specific applications. These chips are used in a wide variety of electronic devices, including digital cellular telephones, modems, hard disk drives, MP3 players and digital cameras, and are critical to the performance of the electronic products in which they are used.

The Company licenses its software to semiconductor companies throughout the world. These semiconductor companies then manufacture, market and sell custom-designed chips to system original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) of a variety of electronic products. The Company also licenses its software directly to system OEMs.

The Company was incorporated in Delaware in November 1999. It currently has outstanding 20,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, all of which are owned by the Parent. The Company was incorporated under the name DSP Cores, Inc. and changed its name to Corage, Inc. in 2001 and changed its name again to Ceva, Inc. in April 2002. The Company had no business or operations prior to the transfer of the DSP cores licensing business and operations from the Parent.

After the Separation, the Company will have two wholly-owned subsidiaries: DSP Ceva, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Corage, Ltd., an Israeli company, which will be primarily engaged in research and development, marketing, sales, technical support and certain general and administrative functions associated with the Company's activities.

Prior to the Combination (see Note 5), the Parent will transfer to the Company assets including intellectual property and liabilities related to the DSP cores licensing business and operations, as well as an amount equal to the sum of \$40 million in cash plus cash equal to the amount by which the transaction costs of the Separation and Combination exceed \$2 million for the issuance by the Company of 1,000 shares of common stock. The identification of the assets and liabilities to be transferred was agreed upon between the parties pursuant to the Separation Agreement (See Note 5) and related documents entered into by and between the Company, the Parent and certain of the Parent's subsidiaries, and are not necessarily indicative of the balances of the related assets and liabilities presented in the accompanying financial statements.

#### b. Basis of presentation:

The Company's financial statements include the licensing business and operations of the Parent which have been carved out from the financial statements of the Parent using the historical results of operations and historical bases of the assets and liabilities of the DSP Group business that it comprises. The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, results of operations, financial positions, changes in stockholders' equity, Parent company investment, and cashflows (the "Company's Business") as if the Company and its subsidiaries

## NOTES TO INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) U.S. dollars in thousands

were separate entities for all periods presented. The balances of the assets and liabilities presented in the accompanying financial statements are not necessarily indicative of the balances of the assets and liabilities to be transferred upon the Separation.

Changes in Parent investment represent the Parent's contribution of its net investment after giving effect to the net income of the Company plus net cash transfers to or from the Parent. Based on the Separation Agreement and related documents between the Company, the Parent and certain of the Parent's subsidiaries, upon the Separation, Parent and the Company shall jointly calculate the net investment account and the Company shall pay to Parent, or Parent shall pay to the Company, as the case may be, the net amount thereof.

The Company will begin accumulating its retained earnings on the date on which the Parent transfers to the Company all of the assets and liabilities relating to the Company's Business.

The transfer of assets, liabilities and operations of the Company's Business from the Parent is a reorganization of entities under common control and has been accounted for in a manner similar to a pooling of interests. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Company have been restated to include the Company Business as if it had always been operated as a separate entity.

Additionally, the consolidated financial statements include allocations of certain Parent corporate headquarters' assets, liabilities and expenses relating to the Company's Business. Management believes these allocations are reasonable. All material intercompany transactions and balances between the Company's subsidiaries have been eliminated.

The Company utilized services from certain employees of the Parent in Japan and France who performed marketing and technical support activities and whose costs were allocated to the Company.

The statements of income include the costs directly attributable to the Company's Business, including charges for shared facilities, functions and services used by the Company's Business. Certain costs and expenses have been allocated based on management's estimates of the costs of services provided to the Company's Business. Such costs include research and development costs, sales and marketing, and general and administrative expenses. These allocations and charges are based on either a direct cost pass-through or a percentage of total costs for the services provided based on factors such as headcount or the specific level of activity directly related to such costs.

Payroll and related expenses, such as vacation, bonuses and compensation expenses, relating to the Company's sales and marketing and research and development activities were attributed on a specific identification basis. Depreciation expenses were attributed based on the specific fixed assets attributed to the Company. General and administrative expenses, including corporate and officers' salaries and related expenses, were attributed to the Company based on estimated weighted ratio composed of the percentage of time that each of the administration employees spent on the Company's Business. Rent, maintenance and other administrative expenses were attributed based on the relevant ratios such as square footage and headcount. Other general and administrative expenses, such as legal and accounting fees, were attributed based on management estimations.

Management believes that the foregoing allocations were made on a reasonable basis and would not have been materially different if the Company had operated as a stand-alone entity for all periods presented; however, the allocations of costs and expenses do not necessarily indicate the costs that would have been or will be incurred by the Company on a stand-alone basis.

## NOTES TO INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) U.S. dollars in thousands

Also, the financial information included in the consolidated financial statements may not necessarily reflect the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company in the future or what the financial position and results of operations would have been had it been a separate, stand-alone company during the years presented.

Interest income shown in the consolidated financial statements reflects the interest income associated with the aggregate Parent company investment amount and is based on the Company's operating income for each period, using weighted average interest rates for the applicable period of 3.51% and 2.5% on an annual basis for the periods ended June 30, 2001 and June 30, 2002, respectively.

All of the Company's net income recorded during the periods presented was returned to the Parent as part of the Parent company investment account.

- c. The consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2001 and the balances of stockholders' equity and Parent company investment as of December 31, 2000 and 2001, are derived from the audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2001.
- d. For major customers—see Note 4(b).

#### NOTE 2:—SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The significant accounting policies applied in the annual consolidated financial statements of the Company as of December 31, 2001 have been applied consistently in these financial statements.

#### NOTE 3:—UNAUDITED INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying unaudited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information. Accordingly, they do not include all the information and footnotes required by generally accepted accounting principles for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the six and for the three months ended June 30, 2002 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2002.

#### NOTE 4:—GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AND MAJOR CUSTOMER DATA

a. Summary information about geographic areas:

The Company manages its business on a basis of one industry segment, the development and license of designs for programmable Digital Signal Processors (DSP) cores (See Note 1 for a brief description of the Company's Business) and follows the requirements of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 131, "Disclosures About Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information" ("SFAS 131").

## NOTES TO INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) (U.S. dollars in thousands)

The following is a summary of operations within geographic areas:

	Six monti June	
	2001	2002
	(Unaud	dited)
Revenues based on customer location:	0.0455	00.040
United States	\$ 3,175	\$2,940
Japan	2,413	705
Europe	4,905	2,610
Asia (Excluding Japan and Israel)	2,472	771
Israel	23	1,656
	\$12,988	\$8,682
	June	30.
	2001	2002
	(Unauc	dited)
Long-lived assets by geographical region:		,
United States	\$ 37	\$ 35
Israel	2,084	2,564
Other	56	108
	\$ 2,177	\$2,707
	=====	===
Major system of data as a noncontage of total negotives		
Major customer data as a percentage of total revenues:		
		ths ended e 30,
	2001	2002
	(Unai	adited)
Customer A		19%
Customer B		14%
Customer C	,	12%
Customer D.		
Customer E		,
Customer F	. 17%	*) —

<sup>\*)</sup> Represents a percentage less than 10%

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#### NOTE 5:—COMBINATION WITH PARTHUS

On April 4, 2002, the Parent, the Company and Parthus Technologies plc ("Parthus") entered into a combination agreement (the "Combination Agreement") pursuant to which Parthus and the Company agreed to effect a combination of their businesses, whereby the Parent contributes the DSP cores licensing business and operations and the related assets and liabilities of such business and operations to the Company and Parthus is acquired by the Company in exchange for the Common Stock of the Company (the "Combination"). The combined company will be renamed ParthusCeva, Inc. ("ParthusCeva").

Customer G.....

## NOTES TO INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) U.S. dollars in thousands

The Parent will distribute 100% of the equity of the Company it holds pro-rata to the Parent's stockholders. Immediately following the separation and distribution of stock to the Parent's stockholders and pursuant to the Combination, the Company will issue its Common Stock to the existing shareholders of Parthus and Parthus will become a subsidiary of the Company. As a result of these transactions, the stockholders of the Company will hold shares representing approximately 50.1% of the Common Stock of ParthusCeva and the former shareholders of Parthus will hold shares representing approximately 49.9% of the Common Stock of ParthusCeva.

Per a ruling obtained from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, the separation and distribution of Ceva's common stock to the stockholders of DSP Group will be a tax-free reorganization. The following agreements were signed with respect to the mentioned transactions:

#### Separation Agreement:

The separation agreement provides for the transfer to Ceva of assets and liabilities from DSP Group related to the DSP cores licensing business in exchange for the issuance by Ceva to DSP Group of 1,000 shares of Ceva common stock on the separation date. Further, the separation agreement provides for DSP Group's Israeli subsidiary, DSP Group, Ltd., to transfer all of the share capital of Corage, Ltd, an Israeli company, to DSP Group, which DSP Group then contributed to Ceva. Ceva subsequently contributed all of the Corage, Ltd. share capital to DSP Ceva, Inc., our wholly-owned subsidiary. Upon the closing of the combination, DSP Ceva, Inc. changed its name to DSP ParthusCeva, Inc. and Corage, Ltd. changed its name to ParthusCeva, Ltd.

After its contribution of assets to Ceva, DSP Group surrendered shares of Ceva's Common Stock it held to Ceva without consideration, to adjust the number of shares of Ceva's Common Stock held by DSP Group and then distributed the remaining shares of Ceva Common stock it held to the DSP Group stockholders on the basis of one share of Ceva common stock for every three shares of DSP Group's common stock held by such stockholder on the record dated for the distribution. Following the distribution, Ceva acquired Parthus pursuant to a scheme of arrangement.

#### The Contribution.

As part of the assets contributed to us in the separation, DSP Group also contributed to us a total of the sum of \$40 million as initial working capital plus cash equal to the amount by which the transaction costs of the separation and combination exceeded \$2 million. In addition, as part of the separation and distribution and pursuant to the terms of the separation agreement, Ceva and DSP Group agreed to settle the intercompany investment account between them by (i) converting part of DSP Group's investment account in Ceva (consisting of the value of the property, equipment and inventory) into Ceva's stockholders' equity, (ii) allowing DSP Group to retain all rights to Ceva's accounts receivable existing on the date of the separation, and (iii) having DSP Group retain certain of Ceva's current liabilities existing on the date of separation, such that the settlement arrangement results in the net amount of assets retained by DSP Group to equal the amount of the intercompany account on the date of separation (as of June 30, 2002, approximately \$8.7 million).

#### The Distribution.

DSP Group distributed all of the shares of Ceva's common stock outstanding on the separation date to its stockholders on a pro rata basis. No fractional shares was issued in the distribution. Instead, DSP Group stockholders received cash for any fractional shares of Ceva's common stock held by them.

## NOTES TO INTERIM CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) (U.S. dollars in thousands)

Representations, warranties, covenants and indemnification regarding the distribution.

The separation agreement contains representations and warranties from DSP Group and Ceva as to the accuracy of facts and representations made by DSP Group, Ceva and Parthus in connection with the tax rulings issued by the Internal Revenue Service in connection with the separation, distribution and combination. Under the separation agreement, ParthusCeva has agreed that (i) during the two-year period following completion of the distribution, ParthusCeva will not liquidate, dispose of or discontinue a substantial portion of the "active trade or business" of the Company, or dispose of any business or assets in a manner inconsistent with the business purpose for the distribution, or (ii) during the one-year period following completion of the distribution, ParthusCeva will not agree to or undertake a proposed acquisition transaction (as defined in the separation agreement), unless the requirements set forth in the separation agreement are satisfied.

Under the terms of the separation agreement, ParthusCeva has agreed to indemnify DSP Group and its affiliates for any tax liability incurred by DSP Group as a result of ParthusCeva's breach of any representation, warranties or covenants made in the separation agreement with respect to the tax matters listed in the separation agreement.

In addition, each of the parties has agreed to indemnify the other with respect to the failure to pay, perform or discharge any liabilities for which it is responsible under the separation agreement, breach any of the terms of the separation agreement and the ancillary agreements associated with the separation agreement or breach any of the covenants or obligations of the combination agreement.

The rights and obligations detailed above will survive until 30 days following the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations. There are no limitations on the rights and obligations relating to the amount of any claim for indemnification.

#### Expenses.

Each party to the separation agreement will bear its own respective third party fees, costs and expenses paid or incurred in connection with the transactions.

Various ancillary agreements detail the separation and various interim and ongoing relationships among DSP Group, its subsidiaries, ParthusCeva and its subsidiaries. These agreements are described more fully below.

#### Ceva Technology Transfer Agreement

The Ceva technology transfer agreement identifies the assets, including intellectual property, that DSP Group transferred to Ceva and the liabilities that Ceva assumed from DSP Group in the separation in exchange for issuance by Ceva to DSP Group of shares of its common stock.

#### **DSP Ceva Technology Transfer Agreement**

The DSP Ceva technology transfer agreement implements the transfer from ParthusCeva to its wholly-owned subsidiary, DSP Ceva, of the assets transferred by DSP Group to Ceva and the assumption by DSP Ceva of liabilities assumed by Ceva from DSP Group in the separation in exchange for the issuance by DSP Ceva to Ceva of shares in its share capital.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) (U.S. dollars in thousands)

#### Transition Services Agreement Among DSP Group, DSP Ceva and ParthusCeva

The transition services agreement governs the provision of transitional services by DSP Group to ParthusCeva and to DSP Ceva after the separation date. DSP Group is obligated to provide certain general and administrative services, including management and information services and network, hardware and software maintenance and support, to ParthusCeva and to DSP Ceva. ParthusCeva and DSP Ceva are obligated to pay DSP Group an agreed amount.

The term of the transition services agreement commences on the date of the separation agreement and continues until such time as DSP Group is no longer required to provide any transition services.

During the first year following the separation date, and for so long thereafter as the parties agree, ParthusCeva and DSP Ceva will occupy and utilize portions of DSP Group's facilities. ParthusCeva and DSP Ceva are obligated to pay an agreed amount to DSP Group for their respective pro rata shares of the rent and other costs of occupying and operating these facilities.

#### Tax Indemnification and Allocation Agreement

Ceva was included as part of DSP Group's consolidated group for federal income tax purposes until the separation date. In general, under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, each member of a consolidated group is jointly and severally liable for the federal income tax liability of each other member of the consolidated group.

Pursuant negotiations between DSP Group and Parthus to allocate the responsibilities between ParthusCeva and DSP Group for tax liabilities that may be asserted in the future, in addition to the indemnification provided in the separation agreement, ParthusCeva have entered into a tax indemnification and allocation agreement with DSP Group pursuant to which DSP Group will be liable for, and will indemnify ParthusCeva for, any federal income tax related to the consolidated return for all periods ending on or before the distribution date. Under that agreement, each of ParthusCeva and DSP Group will each be liable for, and shall indemnify the other against, its respective liability for federal income tax for subsequent periods after the distribution.

#### **Voting Agreements**

As a condition to the combination of Parthus and Ceva, certain stockholders have entered into individual voting agreements with ParthusCeva. These agreements, which cover approximately 20.2% of the outstanding stock of ParthusCeva as of the date of the combination (although the voting agreements apply to any additional shares subsequently acquired by such stockholders, including upon exercise of options), provide that the stockholders that entered into the voting agreements will vote all of his or her ParthusCeva shares for the ParthusCeva nominees to its board or directors and, with respect to all other matters to be voted on by the stockholders, either in accordance with the recommendations of the ParthusCeva board of directors or, if the board of directors makes no recommendation, for or against such matters in the same proportion as the shares owned by all other stockholders. Each voting agreement terminates upon the earlier of two years from the date of the agreement, the sale of all or substantially all of ParthusCeva assets or a consolidation or merger of ParthusCeva as a result of which its stockholders prior to such a consolidation or merger hold less than 50% of the voting equity of the surviving or resulting entity, a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the ParthusCeva business operations, the execution by ParthusCeva of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or the appointment of a receiver or trustee to take possession of its property and assets.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) (U.S. dollars in thousands)

#### **Combination Agreement**

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Combination Agreement, Parthus and the Company will effect a combination of their businesses, whereby, immediately after the separation and distribution of the Company's Common Stock by the Parent to its stockholders, Parthus will be acquired by the Company in exchange for the Common Stock of the Company. The newly combined company will be renamed ParthusCeva and its Common Stock will be quoted on the Nasdaq National Market and traded on the London Stock Exchange upon receipt of relevant approvals.

The combination will be effected through a scheme of arrangement pursuant to the laws of the Republic of Ireland—a form of corporate reorganization that will be approved by the shareholders and sanctioned by the High Court of Ireland. The scheme provided as follows:

- Immediately prior to the combination with Ceva, Parthus distributed to its shareholders an aggregate cash repayment of capital of \$60 million.
- The existing Parthus shares were then cancelled and each Parthus shareholder received new shares of ParthusCeva's common stock.
- Immediately following the combination, the stockholders of DSP Group and the former shareholders of Parthus own approximately 50.1% and 49.9%, respectively, of the common stock of ParthusCeva.
- ParthusCeva assumed all outstanding Parthus share options and the option plans and option agreements
  that govern them. These options continue with the same terms and conditions, except that they have
  become options to purchase shares of ParthusCeva's common stock and have been adjusted in the
  manner set forth below. Option holders will no longer be able to obtain Parthus shares or ADSs upon
  exercise of such options.
- The number of shares of ParthusCeva's common stock purchasable upon the exercise of each Parthus option is equal to the number of Parthus shares underlying the option, adjusted to take into account the conversion of Parthus shares into ParthusCeva shares. The exercise price per share was also adjusted proportionately.

#### NOTE 6:—SHARE CAPITAL

In April 2002, the Company's Board of Directors approved an amendment to its Certificate of Incorporation which will be amended in connection with the Combination to provide for, among other things, (i) the authorization of one hundred five million (105,000,000) shares of Ceva Common Stock, (ii) the authorization of five million (5,000,000) shares of preferred stock with rights, preferences and privileges to be designated and established by the Board of Directors.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

#### To the Shareholders of

#### CEVA, INC.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Ceva, Inc. (the "Company") and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, and the related consolidated statements of income, changes in stockholders' equity and parent company investment and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit in order to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by the Company's management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statements presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company and its subsidiaries as of December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, and the consolidated results of their operations and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2001, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Tel-Aviv, Israel January 22, 2002 KOST FORER & GABBAY A Member of Ernst & Young Global

The foregoing report is in the form that will be signed upon the separation of the licensing technology business from DSP Group, Inc., including the transfer of related assets, liabilities and intellectual property rights, as described in Note 1 to these consolidated financial statements.

Tel-Aviv, Israel May 24, 2002 KOST FORER & GABBAY
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# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS U.S. dollars in thousands

	December 31,		
	1999	2000	2001
ASSETS			
Current Assets:	4		
Trade receivables	\$4,829	\$6,575	\$ 8,115
Other accounts receivable and prepaid expenses	130	286	319
Deferred income taxes	269	231	240
Inventories	18	4	50
Total current assets	5,246	7,096	8,724
Long-term Investment:			
Severance pay fund	543	911	1,084
Severance pay fund  Long term lease deposits	37	87	190
	580	998	1,274
Property and Equipment, Net	1,358	1,521	2,199
Total assets	\$7,184	\$9,615	\$12,197

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS U.S. dollars in thousands (except share data)

	. [	December 3	
	1999	2000	2001
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND PARENT COMPANY INVESTMENT			
CURRENT LIABILITIES:		. 1	-
Trade payables	\$ 403	\$ 463	\$ 707
Employees and payroll accruals	1,402	1,728	Ψ , σ ,
Income tax payable	1,722	3,669	3,496
Deferred revenues	90	· · · ·	
Accrued expenses	455	825	519
Total current liabilities	4,072	6,685	6,728
Accrued Severance Pay	556	910	1,124
STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND PARENT COMPANY INVESTMENT:			
Common Stock:			
\$0.001 par value: 10,000,000 shares authorized at December 31, 2000, and 100,000,000 at December 31, 2001; 20,000,000 shares issued and			
outstanding at December 31, 2000 and 2001	20	20	20
Parent Company's investment	2,536	2,000	4,325
Retained earnings	<del></del>		· <u> </u>
Total stockholders' equity and Parent company investment	2,556	2,020	4,345
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity and Parent company			
investment	<u>\$7,184</u>	\$9,615	\$12,197

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME U.S. dollars in thousands (Except share and per share data)

	Year ended December 31,		
	1999	2000	2001
Revenues:			
Licenses and royalties	\$16,249	\$19,951	\$20,959
Technical support, maintenance and other	1,952	2,959	4,285
Total revenues	18,201	22,910	25,244
Cost of revenues	207.	410	1,251
Gross profit	17,994	22,500	23,993
Operating expenses:			
Research and development, net	3,230	4,835	5,095
Selling and marketing	1,997	2,466	2,911
General and administrative	2,480	2,810	2,839
Total operating expenses	7,707	10,111	10,845
Operating income	10,287	12,389	13,148
Financial income, net	292	322	462
Income before taxes on income	10,579	12,711	13,610
Taxes on income	1,453	3,438	3,255
Net income	\$ 9,126	\$ 9,273	<u>\$10,355</u>

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY AND PARENT COMPANY INVESTMENT

U.S. dollars in thousands

	Common	Stock	Parent company	Retained	Total stockholders' equity and Parent company	
	Shares	Amount	investment	earnings	investment	
Balance as of January 1, 1999		\$ —	\$1,680	\$ —	\$ 1,680	
Issuance of Common Stock	20,000,000	20	(20)		· ·	
Net income		· —	` —	9,126	9,126	
Capital return to Parent company		— .		(9,126)	(9,126)	
Contribution from Parent company			876		876	
Balance as of December 31, 1999	20,000,000	20	2,536		2,556	
Net income	·			9,273	9,273	
Capital return to Parent company	<u> </u>	·, —	_	(9,273)	(9,273)	
Distribution to Parent company			(536)		(536)	
Balance as of December 31, 2000	20,000,000	20	2,000		2,020	
Net income			_	10,355	10,355	
Capital return to Parent company	·		_	(10,355)	(10,355)	
Contribution from Parent company			2,325		2,325	
Balance as of December 31, 2001	20,000,000	<u>\$ 20</u>	\$4,325	<u>\$ —</u>	\$ 4,345	

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS U.S. dollars in thousands

Cash flows from operating activities:         Net income.         \$ 9,126         \$ 9,273         \$ 10,355           Adjustments required to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:         229         533         697           Increase in trade receivables         229         533         697           Decrease (increase) in other accounts receivable and prepaid         expenses         138         (156)         (33)           Decrease (increase) in inventories         222         14         (46)           Increase (decrease) in inventories         228         60         244           Increase (decrease) in deferred revenues         564         326         278           Increase (decrease) in deferred revenues         295         370         (306)           Increase (decrease) in income tax payable         895         1,947         (173)           Decrease (increase) in deferred income taxes         3(3)         (9         (9		Year ended December 31,		
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Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	Net cash used in financing activities	(8,250)	(9,809)	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	Changes in cash and cash equivalents			
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	•	_	_	
	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	\$	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS U.S. dollars in thousands

#### NOTE 1:—GENERAL

#### a. Background:

Ceva, Inc. (the "Company") is currently a wholly-owned subsidiary of DSP Group, Inc. (the "Parent"). These financial statements reflect the transfer by the Parent of the DSP cores licensing business and operations and the related assets and liabilities of such businesses and operations to the Company immediately prior to the spin-off of the Company to the stockholders of the Parent (the "Separation").

The Company is engaged in the development and license of designs for programmable digital signal processor cores ("DSP cores"). A programmable DSP Core is a special purpose, software-controlled processor that, through complex mathematical calculations, analyzes, manipulates and enhances voice, audio and video signals. The programmable DSP Cores that the Company designs are used as the central processor in semiconductor chips made for specific applications. These chips are used in a wide variety of electronic devices, including digital cellular telephones, modems, hard disk drives, MP3 players and digital cameras, and are critical to the performance of the electronic products in which they are used.

The Company licenses its software to semiconductor companies throughout the world. These semiconductor companies then manufacture, market and sell custom-designed chips to system original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) of a variety of electronic products. The Company also licenses its software directly to system OEMs.

The Company was incorporated in Delaware in November 1999. It currently has outstanding 20,000,000 shares of Common Stock, \$0.001 par value, all of which are owned by the Parent. The Company was incorporated under the name DSP Cores, Inc. and changed its name to Corage, Inc. in 2001 and changed its name again to Ceva, Inc. in April 2002. The Company had no business or operations prior to the transfer of the DSP cores licensing business and operations from the Parent.

After the Separation, the Company will have two wholly-owned subsidiaries: DSP Ceva, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Corage, Ltd., an Israeli company, which will be primarily engaged in research and development, marketing, sales, technical support and certain general and administrative functions associated with the Company's activities.

Prior to the Combination (see Note 6), the Parent will transfer to the Company assets including intellectual property and liabilities related to the DSP cores licensing business and operations, as well as an amount equal to the sum of \$40 million in cash plus cash equal to the amount by which the transaction costs of the separation and Combination exceed \$2 million. The identification of assets and liabilities to be transferred was agreed upon between the parties pursuant to the Separation Agreement (See Note 6) and related documents entered into by and between the Company, the Parent and certain of the Parent's subsidiaries, and are not necessarily indicative of the balances of the related assets and liabilities presented in the accompanying financial statements.

#### b. Basis of presentation:

The Company's financial statements include the licensing business and operations of the Parent which have been carved out from the financial statements of the Parent using the historical results of operations and historical bases of the assets and liabilities of the DSP Group business that it comprises. The consolidated financial statements reflect the assets, liabilities, results of operations, financial positions, changes in stockholders' equity, Parent company investment, and cashflows (the "Company's Business") as if the Company and its subsidiaries were separate entities for all periods presented. The balances of the assets and liabilities presented in the accompanying financial statements are not necessarily indicative of the balances of the assets and liabilities to be transferred upon the Separation.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) U.S. dollars in thousands

Changes in Parent investment represent the Parent contribution of its net investment after giving effect to the net income of the Company plus net cash transfers to or from the Parent. Based on the Separation Agreement and related documents between the Company, the Parent and certain of the Parent's subsidiaries, upon the Separation, Parent and the Company shall jointly calculate the net investment account and the Company shall pay to Parent, or Parent shall pay to the Company, as the case may be, the net amount thereof.

The Company will begin accumulating its retained earnings on the date on which the Parent transfers to the Company all of the assets and liabilities relating to the Company's Business.

The transfer of assets, liabilities and operations of the Company's Business from the Parent is a reorganization of entities under common control and has been accounted for in a manner similar to a pooling of interests. Accordingly, the financial statements of the Company have been restated to include the Company's Business as if it had always been operated as a separate entity.

Additionally, the consolidated financial statements include allocations of certain Parent corporate headquarters assets, liabilities and expenses relating to the Company's Business. Management believes these allocations are reasonable. All material intercompany transactions and balances between the Company's subsidiaries have been eliminated.

The Company utilized services from certain employees of the Parent in Japan and France who performed marketing and technical support activities and whose costs were allocated to the Company.

The statements of income include the costs directly attributable to the Company's Business including charges for shared facilities, functions and services used by the Company's Business. Certain costs and expenses have been allocated based on management's estimates of the cost of services provided to the Company's Business. Such costs include research and development costs, sales and marketing, general and administrative expenses. Such allocations and charges are based on either a direct cost pass-through or a percentage of total costs for the services provided based on factors such as headcount or the specific level of activity directly related to such costs.

Payroll and related expenses, such as vacation, bonuses and compensation expenses, relating to the Company's sales and marketing and research and development activities were attributed on a specific identification basis. Depreciation expenses were attributed based on the specific fixed assets attributed to the Company. General and administrative expenses, including corporate and officers' salaries and related expenses, were attributed to the Company based on a weighted ratio composed of the percentage of time that each of the administration employees spent on the Company's Business. Rent, maintenance and other administrative expenses were attributed based on the relevant ratios, such as square footage and headcount. Other general and administrative expenses, such as legal and accounting fees, were attributed based on management estimations.

Management believes that the foregoing allocations were made on a reasonable basis and would not have been materially different if the company had operated as a stand-alone entity for all periods presented; however, the allocations of costs and expenses do not necessarily indicate the costs that would have been or will be incurred by the Company on a stand-alone basis.

Also, the financial information included in the consolidated financial statements may not necessarily reflect the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Company in the future or what the financial position and results of operations would have been had it been a separate, stand-alone company during the years presented.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) U.S. dollars in thousands

Interest income shown in the consolidated financial statements reflects the interest income associated with the aggregate Parent company investment amount and is based on the Company's operating income for each period, based on weighted average interest rates for the applicable period of 5.5%, 4.9% and 3.5% on an annual basis for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, respectively.

All of the Company's net income recorded during the periods presented was returned to the Parent as part of the Parent company investment account.

c. For major customers—see Note 6(b).

#### NOTE 2:—SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the United States ("U.S. GAAP").

#### a. Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### b. Principles of consolidation:

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation.

#### c. Financial statements in U.S. dollars:

The revenues of the Company and Corage, Ltd. are generated in U.S. dollars ("dollars"). In addition, a portion of Corage, Ltd. costs as well as all the costs of the Company are incurred in dollars. Accordingly, the management has determined the dollar as the currency of the primary economic environment of the Company and Corage, Ltd. and, thus, their functional and reporting currency.

Transactions and balances, denominated in dollars, are presented at their original amounts. Non-dollar transactions and balances have been remeasured into dollars, in accordance with Statement of the Financial Accounting Standard No. 52.

"Foreign Currency Translation" ("SFAS No.52"). All transaction gains and losses from remeasurement of monetary balance sheet items denominated in non-dollar currencies are reflected in the statements of income as financial income or expenses, as appropriate, and have not been material to date.

#### d. Inventories:

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market value. Inventory write-offs are provided for slow items or technologies obsolescence. Cost of inventory is determined using the average cost method.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) U.S. dollars in thousands

#### e. Property and equipment:

Property and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives, at the following annual rates:

	<u> </u>
Computers, software and equipment	20-33
Office furniture and equipment	6
Leasehold improvements	ratably over the term of the lease
Motor vehicles	15

The Company and its subsidiaries periodically assess the recoverability of the carrying amount of property and equipment and provide for any possible impairment loss based upon the difference between the carrying amount and fair value of such assets, in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 121 "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed Of" ("SFAS No.121"). As of December 31, 2001, no impairment losses have been identified.

#### f. Revenue recognition:

The Company and its subsidiaries generate their revenues from software licensing, pre-paid royalties, unit royalties, and maintenance and technical support fees. The Company licenses its software to semiconductor companies throughout the world. These semiconductor companies then manufacture, market and sell custom-designed chips to original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) of a variety of electronic products. The Company also licenses its technology directly to OEMs which are considered end users.

The Company accounts for its software license revenues in accordance with Statement Of Position ("SOP") 97-2, "Software Revenue Recognition", as amended. Under SOP 97-2, revenues are recognized when: (1) collection is probable; (2) delivery has occurred; (3) the license fee is otherwise fixed or determinable; (4) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists and no further obligation exists. SOP 97-2 generally requires revenue earned on software arrangements involving multiple elements to be allocated to each element based on the relative fair value of the elements. The Company has also adopted SOP 98-9, "Modification of SOP 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition with Respect to Certain Transactions," for all multiple element transactions entered into after January 1, 2000. SOP 98-9 requires that revenue be recognized under the "residual method" when vendor specific objective evidence ("VSOE") of fair value exists for all undelivered elements and VSOE does not exist for one of the delivered elements. The VSOE of fair value of the undelivered elements (maintenance and technical support) is determined based on the renewal rate or on the price charged for the undelivered element when sold separately.

SOP 97-2 specifies that extended payment terms in a software licensing arrangement may indicate that the software license fees are not deemed to be fixed or determinable. If the fee is not fixed or determinable, or if collection is not considered probable, revenue is recognized as payments become due from the customer, provided that all other revenue recognition criteria have been met. SOP 97-2 specifies that if a company has a standard business practice of using extended payment terms in software licensing arrangements and has a history of successfully collecting the software license fees under the original terms of the software licensing arrangement without making concessions, the company should recognize the software license fees when all other SOP 97-2 revenue recognition criteria are met. The Company has concluded that for certain software arrangements with extended payment terms, the "fixed or determinable" presumption has been overcome and software license fees have been recognized upon meeting the remaining SOP 97-2 revenue recognition criteria.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) (U.S. dollars in thousands)

The Company and its subsidiaries do not grant rights of return.

Certain agreements provide for per-unit royalties to be paid to the Company based on shipments by customers of units containing the Company's technology. Revenue under such agreements is recognized at the time shipments by the customers are reported to the Company; such reports are prepared by these customers on a periodic basis after units are sold. Non-refundable payments on account of future royalties from similar agreements are recognized upon payment, provided that no future obligation exists.

Revenues from licensing sales are composed as follows:

	Year e	1 Year ended December 31,		
	1999	2000	2001	
Revenues: Software licensing	\$10.395	\$12,550	\$13.680	
Royalties	5,854	7,401	7,279	
	\$16,249	\$19,951	\$20,959	

Maintenance and technical support revenues included in multiple element arrangements are deferred and recognized on a straight-line basis over the term of the maintenance and the support agreement or when such services are performed.

Deferred revenues include unearned amounts received under maintenance and technical support contracts and amounts billed to customers not yet recognized as revenues.

#### g. Income taxes:

Historically, the Company's and its subsidiaries' operations have been included in the consolidated income tax returns filed by the Parent and by DSP Group, Ltd. Income tax expense in the Company's consolidated financial statements has been calculated on a separate tax return basis.

Ceva, Inc. taxes on income were calculated based on U.S. tax rates. Corage, Ltd. taxes on income were calculated based on Israeli tax rates and laws. These calculations reflect the Parent's tax strategy, and are not necessarily reflective of the tax strategies that the Company would have followed or will follow as a stand-alone company.

The Company and its subsidiaries account for income taxes in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes" ("SFAS No. 109"). This Statement prescribes the use of the liability method whereby deferred tax assets and liability account balances are determined based on differences between financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using the enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse.

The Company and its subsidiaries provide a valuation allowance, if necessary, to reduce deferred tax assets to their estimated realizable value.

#### h. Research and development:

Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 86 "Accounting for the Costs of Computer Software to be Sold, Leased or Otherwise Marketed" ("SFAS No. 86"), requires capitalization of certain software development costs subsequent to the establishment of technological feasibility.

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) U.S. dollars in thousands

Based on the Company's product development process, technological feasibility is established upon completion of a working model. The Company and its subsidiaries do not incur material costs between the completion of the working model and the point at which the product is ready for general release. Therefore, research and development costs are charged to the statement of income as incurred.

#### i. Accrued severance pay:

The Israeli subsidiary liability for severance pay is calculated pursuant to Israeli severance pay laws for all employees based on the most recent salary of each employee multiplied by the number of years of employment for that employee as of the balance sheet date. The Israeli subsidiary's liability is fully provided by monthly deposits with severance pay funds, insurance policies and by an accrual.

The deposited funds include profits accumulated up to the balance sheet date. The deposited funds may be withdrawn only upon the fulfillment of the obligation pursuant to Israeli severance pay laws or labor agreements. The value of these policies is recorded as an asset in the Company's balance sheet.

Severance expenses (income) for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, were approximately \$3, \$(14) and \$41, respectively.

#### j. Accounting for stock-based compensation:

The Company has elected to follow Accounting Principles Board Statement No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Options Issued to Employees" ("APB 25") and FASB Interpretation No. 44 "Accounting for Certain Transactions Involving Stock Compensation" ("FIN 44") in accounting for its employee stock option plans. Under APB 25, when the exercise price of an employee stock option is less than the market price of the underlying stock on the date of grant, compensation expense is recognized. The pro-forma information with respect to the fair value of options required under the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 123 "Accounting for stock based compensation" ("SFAS No. 123"), is provided in Note 5(e). SFAS No. 123 requires use of an option valuation model to measure the fair value of options on the grant date.

#### k. Fair value of financial instruments:

The carrying amounts of trade receivables and trade payables approximate their fair values, due to the short-term maturities of these instruments.

#### 1. Concentration of credit risk:

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of trade receivables. The trade receivables of the Company and its subsidiaries are mainly derived from sales to customers located in the United States, Europe and Asia. The Company and its subsidiaries perform ongoing credit evaluations of their customers and to date have not experienced any material losses. Allowance for doubtful accounts is computed for specific debts for which collectibility is doubtful based upon the Company's experience.

The Company and its subsidiaries have no off-balance-sheet concentration of credit risk such as foreign exchange contracts, option contracts or other foreign hedging arrangements.

#### m. Non-royalty-bearing grants:

Non-royalty-bearing grants from the Government of Israel for funding certain approved research and development projects are recognized at the time when the Company is entitled to such grants, on the basis of the related costs incurred, and included as a deduction from research and development costs.

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) (U.S. dollars in thousands)

The Company recorded grants participation in the amounts of \$70, \$578 and \$542 for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, respectively.

#### n. Advertising expenses:

Advertising expenses are carried to the statement of operations as incurred:

#### o. Impact of recently issued accounting standards:

In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations", and No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets", effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. Under the new rules, goodwill (and intangible assets deemed to have indefinite lives) will no longer be amortized but will be subject to annual impairment tests in accordance with the Statements. Other intangible assets will continue to be amortized over their useful lives.

In August 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets" ("SFAS 144"), which addresses financial accounting and reporting for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets and supersedes SFAS No. 121, "Accounting for the Impairment of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed of," and the accounting and reporting provision of APB Opinion No. 30, "Reporting the Results of Operations for a disposal of a segment of a business." SFAS 144 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001, with earlier application encouraged. The Company expects to adopt FAS 144 as of January 1, 2002 and it does not expect that the adoption of SFAS 144 will have a significant impact, if any, on the Company's financial position and results of operations.

### NOTE 3:—OTHER ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLES AND PREPAID EXPENSES

Decem	ber 31,
2000	2001
\$106	\$180
	33
	106
\$286	\$319
	December 2000  \$106  \$148  32  \$286

#### NOTE 4:—PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT, NET

	•		Decem	ber 31,
* "			2000	2001
Coet		- '		
Compu	ters, software and equipment		\$2,838	\$4,288
Office	furniture and equipment		238	243
Leaseh	old improvements		720	739
Motor	vehicles		300	201
** * *			4,096	5,471
Accumulate	d depreciation		2,575	3,272
Depreciated	cost		\$1,521	\$2,199

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) (U.S. dollars in thousands)

#### NOTE 5:-STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

#### a. Parent company investment:

The accompanying financial statements reflect substantially all of the assets and liabilities covering the conduct of the DSP cores licensing business and the results of the operations of that business which had originally been carried out by Parent and which will be transferred to the Company. The identification of the assets and liabilities to be transferred was agreed upon between the Company and the Parent and their related balances are not necessarily presented in the accompanying financial statements. Parent's equity in the net assets transferred to the Company are reflected in the opening balance of Parent's investment in the accompanying balance sheet. The net equity balance for each year also includes additional financing received from Parent. The net income of the Company was recorded as capital return to the Parent. As of December 31, 2001, the consolidated financial statements are presented to reflect the transfer of assets and liabilities as if it already occurred. Based on the agreements between the Parent and the Company, upon the Separation, the Parent and the Company shall jointly calculate the net investment account and the Company shall pay to Parent, or Parent shall pay to the Company, as the case may be, the net amount thereof.

During prior periods the Parent handled virtually all of the Company's cash transactions, as well as collecting the Company's receivables and settling accounts with the Company's suppliers and other creditors.

#### b. Stock splits and dividends:

On October 26, 2000, the Company's Board of Directors declared a stock split in a 1:1,000 ratio. On May 31, 2001, the Company's Board of Directors declared a stock split to be effected as a stock dividend to be distributed from the Parent company investment whereby each holder of record of Common Stock received 19 additional shares of Common Stock for each share owned. The effect of such split in the shareholders equity statements was given retroactively.

All stock and stock option information in the consolidated financial statements has been retroactively restated for all periods presented to reflect the stock split and the stock split effected as a stock dividend.

#### c. Employee stock option plan:

In 2000, the Company adopted the 2000 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2000 Plan"). Under the 2000 Plan, employees, officers and directors of the Company and each of its subsidiaries may be granted stock options for the purchase of the Company's Common Stock. The 2000 Plan expires in 2010 and currently provides for the purchase of up to 4,000,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. Each option can be exercised to purchase one share, conferring the same rights as the other shares of Common Stock. Options that are cancelled or forfeited before expiration become available for future grants. The exercise price of options under the 2000 Plan shall not be less than 100% of the fair market value for qualified and for non-qualified stock options as determined by the Board of Directors. The exercise basis will be adjusted from time to time upon the occurrence of a stock split, combination, dividend, and stock dividend, and in other certain events.

Options under the 2000 Plan are generally exercisable over a 48-month period beginning 12 months after issuance or as determined by the Board of Directors. Options under the 2000 Plan expire up to ten years after the date of grant.

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) (U.S. dollars in thousands)

A summary of activity of options granted to purchase the Company's Common Stock under the 2000 Plan is as follows:

		Year er	Year ended December 31, 2000 Year ended December 31, 2001						31,
		Shares available for grant	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Shares available for grant	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price		
Outstanding at the year	beginning of the			\$ <u> </u>	2,147,720	1,852,280	\$5.37		
		4,000,000		_	_		· —		
Granted		(1,882,280)	1,882,280	5.37	(1,002,740)	1,002,740	5.71		
Exercised		. <del>-</del>		— .		<del>-</del>	<i>_</i>		
Forfeited		30,000	(30,000)	5.37	268,990	(268,990)	5.37		
Outstanding at the	end of the year	2,147,720	1,852,280	\$5.37	1,413,970	2,586,030	\$5.50		

A summary of the weighted average exercise price and the number of options exercisable under the 2000 Plan is as follows:

	Decer	nber 31,
	2000	2001
Number of options excisable as of December 31		601,580
Weighted average exercise price of options excisable as of December 31	<u>\$                                    </u>	\$5.37

These options will be measured upon the consummation of the combination of the Company with Parthus based on the then fair value of the Company's Common Stock.

#### d. Parent stock options granted to the Company's employees:

Since 1991, the Parent has granted options to purchase shares of the Company's Common Stock to its key employees, directors and shareholders as an incentive to attract and retain qualified personnel under several plans. As part of these grants, options were granted to employees of the Company.

Under the terms of these plans, options generally become exercisable ratably over a period of up to 4 years, commencing 12 months after issuance, or as determined by the Board of Directors. The options generally expire no later than 10 years from the date of the grant and are non-transferable, except under the laws of succession. Each option can be exercised to purchase one share, conferring the same rights as the other shares of the Company's Common Stock. Options that are cancelled or forfeited before expiration, become available for future grants. The number of shares to be received upon exercise of the options will be adjusted from time to time upon the occurrence of stock splits and combinations, dividends and stock dividends and other certain events. All options under the plan were granted at fair value.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) (U.S. dollars in thousands)

A summary of the share option activity in respect of the Parent's options that were granted to the Company's employees, and related information is as follows:

		• .	Year ended D	ecember 31,		
	1999 2000		2001			
	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price	Number of options	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at the beginning of the year	1,265,034	\$ 9.12	1,853,288	\$15.65	2,026,975	\$20.62
Granted (*)	1,431,000	17.39	577,500	31.74	312,583	18.82
Exercised	(842,746)	8.79	(403,813)	13.76	(108,601)	8.37
Forfeited or cancelled (**)		<u> </u>	· ·		(85,794)	25.76
Outstanding at the end of the year	1,853,288	\$15.65	2,026,975	\$20.62	2,145,163	\$20.77
Options exercisable at the end of the year	97,175	\$28.88	406,168	\$18.30	1,036,932	\$19.81

<sup>(\*)</sup> Including 35,750 options of employees who were transferred from the Parent to the Company during the year 2001.

The Parent's options granted to the employees of the Company outstanding as of December 31, 2001 have been classified into range of exercise price as follows:

Exercise price (range)	Options outstanding as of December 31, 2001	Weighted average remaining contractual life (years)	Weighted average exercise price	Options exercisable as of December 31, 2001	Weighted average exercise price of options exercisable
\$ 4.5 - \$ 9.44	722,848	4.1	\$ 8.99	402,842	\$ 9.11
\$ 9.63 - \$17.3	126,774	3.2	12.38	113,816	12.27
\$17.9 - \$21.94	402,833	6.3	19.11	98,500	18.87
\$22 - \$39	666,333	5.5	28.85	335,289	29.76
\$40.22 - \$54.6	226,375	5.6	42.20	86,485	42.06
	2,145,163		\$ 20.77	1,036,932	\$ 19.81

Under SFAS No. 123, pro forma information regarding net income (loss) and net earnings (loss) per share is required, and has been determined as if the Parent had accounted for its employee stock options under the fair value method of that Statement. The fair value for these options was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

Dividend yield	1999	2000	2001
Dividend yield	0%	0%	0%
Expected volatility	0.76	0.81	0.81
Risk-free interest	5.55%	4.87%	3.7%
Expected life of up to	2.9 years	2.9 years	2.9 years

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> Including 14,167 options of employees who were transferred from the Company to the Parent during the year 2001.

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) (U.S. dollars in thousands)

Weighted average fair value of the Parent's options granted to the employees of the Company whose exercise price is equal to market price of the shares of the Parent at date of grant are as follows:

	of opt	d average f tions grants xercise pri	s at an
	1999	2000	2001
Equal to fair value at date of grants	\$10.64	\$20.61	\$11.47

#### e. Pro forma information under SFAS No. 123:

The following pro forma information includes the effect of the options granted to the Company's employees to purchase the Parent's shares.

For purposes of pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the options is amortized to expense over the options' vesting period.

	Year ended December 31,			
	1999	2000	2001	
Net income as reported	\$9,126	\$9,273	\$10,355	
Pro forma net income	\$5,761	\$2,431	\$ 1,450	

#### f. Dividend Policy

The Company has never declared or paid any cash dividends on its capital stock and does not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future. In the event that cash dividends are declared in the future, such dividends will be paid in dollars or NIS subject to statutory limitations.

#### g. Common Stock

Holders of the Company's Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share on all matters to be voted upon by the Company's stockholders. In the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up, holders of the Common Stock are entitled to share ratably in all of the Company's assets. The board of directors may declare a dividend out of funds legally available therefor and the holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive ratably any such dividends. Holders of Common Stock have no preemptive rights or other subscription rights to convert their shares into any other securities. There are no redemption or sinking fund provisions applicable to the Common Stock.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) U.S. dollars in thousands

#### NOTE 6:—GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION AND MAJOR CUSTOMER DATA

a. Summary information about geographic areas:

The Company manages its business on a basis of one industry segment, the development and license of designs for programmable Digital Signal Processors (see Note 1 for a brief description of the Company's business) and follows the requirements of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 131, "Disclosures About Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information" ("SFAS No. 131").

The following is a summary of operations within geographic areas:

	Year e	Year ended December 31,		
	1999	2000	2001	
Revenues based on customer location:				
United States	\$ 4,493	\$11,953	\$10,853	
Japan	6,679	3,342	3,169	
Europe	5,029	4,547	6,984	
Asia (Excluding Japan)	1,656	2,790	4,081	
Other	344	278	157	
	\$18,201	\$22,910	\$25,244	
		December	31,	
	1999	2000	2001	
Long-lived assets by geographic region:				
United States		4 \$ 38	\$ 47	
Israel	1,29	1,518	2,281	
Other		0 52	61	
	\$1,39	\$1,608	\$2,389	

#### b. Major customer data as a percentage of total revenues:

		ded Decem	ber 31,
	1999	2000	2001
Customer A	. *	*	15.2%
Customer B	. *	*	13.7%
Customer C	. *—	* —	24%
Customer D			
Customer E		* —	
Customer F		*	
Customer G	. 10.2%	*	*
Customer H	. 11.5%	*	*

<sup>\*)</sup> Represents a percentage lower than 10%.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) U.S. dollars in thousands

#### **NOTE 7:—TAXES ON INCOME**

Historically, the Company's and its subsidiary's operations have been included in the consolidated income tax returns filed by the Parent and by DSP Group, Ltd. Income tax expense in the Company's consolidated financial statements has been calculated on a separate tax return basis. These calculations reflect the Parent's tax strategy, and are not necessarily reflective of the tax strategies that the Company would have followed or will follow as a stand-alone company.

#### a. The provision for income taxes is as follows:

		Year ended December 3		nber 31,
		1999	2000	2001
Domestic taxes:				
Current		\$ 788	\$2,674	\$2,580
Deferred		(35)	38	(9)
		753	2,712	2,571
Foreign taxes:				
Current		700	726	684
		700	726	684
Provision for taxes on income	••••••	\$1,453	\$3,438	\$3,255

#### b. Income (loss) before taxes on income:

	Year ended December 31,		
	1999	2000	2001
Domestic	\$ 1,982	\$ 7,532	\$ 6,767
Foreign	8,597	5,179	6,843
	\$10,579	\$12,711	\$13,610

#### c. A reconciliation between the Company's effective tax rate and the U.S. statutory rate:

	Year ended December 31,		
	1999	2000	2001
Income before taxes on income	\$10,579	\$12,711	\$13,610
Tax at U.S. statutory rate—35%	3,702	4,449	4,764
Foreign income taxes at rates other than U.S. rate	(2,309)	(1,087)	(1,711)
Other	60	76	202
Provision for taxes on income	\$ 1,453	\$ 3,438	\$ 3,255

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) U.S. dollars in thousands

#### d. Deferred income taxes:

Deferred income taxes reflect the net tax effects of temporary differences between the carrying amounts of assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes and the amounts used for income tax purposes. Significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets are as follows:

	Decem	ber 31
	2000	2001
Reserve and allowances	\$231	\$240
Balance at the end of the year (All domestic)	\$231	\$240

A valuation allowance was not recorded since management believes that these assets will be realized in the future.

e. Assignment of the tax benefits under the Israeli Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 1959:

DSP Group, Ltd.'s production facilities have been granted "Approved Enterprise" status under Israeli law in connection with four separate investment plans. According to the provisions of such Israeli law, DSP Group, Ltd. has elected to enjoy "Alternative plan benefits," which is a waiver of grants in return for tax exemption. Accordingly, DSP Group, Ltd.'s income from an "Approved Enterprise" is tax-exempt for a period of two or four years and is subject to a reduced corporate tax rate of 10%–25% (based on percentage of foreign ownership) for an additional period of eight or six years, respectively. The tax benefits under these investment plans are scheduled to gradually expire starting from 2005 through 2009. The period of tax benefits, as detailed above, is subject to limitations of the earlier of 12 years from commencement of production, or 14 years from receipt of approval.

Since DSP Group, Ltd. is operating under more than one approval, its effective tax rates are a weighted combination of the various applicable rates and tax exemptions and the computation is made for income derived from each program on the basis and formulas specified in the law and in the approvals.

The tax exempt income attributable to an "Approved Enterprise" can be distributed to stockholders without subjecting DSP Group, Ltd. to taxes only upon the complete liquidation of DSP Group, Ltd. The Company has determined that such tax exempt income will not be distributed as dividends. Accordingly, no deferred income taxes have been provided on income attributable to DSP Group, Ltd.'s "Approved Enterprise."

Through December 31, 2001, DSP Group, Ltd. has met all the conditions required under these approvals which include an obligation to invest certain amounts in property and equipment and an obligation to finance a percentage of investments in share capital. Should DSP Group, Ltd. fail to meet such conditions in the future, it could be subject to corporate tax in Israel at the standard rate of 36% and could be required to refund tax benefits already received. Income from sources other than the "Approved Enterprise" during the benefit period will be subject to tax at the standard rate of corporate tax in Israel of 36%.

Under Israeli law, DSP Group, Ltd. is entitled to claim accelerated rates of depreciation on equipment used by an "Approved Enterprise" during the first five tax years from the beginning of such use.

As part of the Separation from the Parent, Corage, Ltd. applied for assignment of the approved plans and for the relevant tax benefits from DSP Group, Ltd. to Corage, Ltd. According to the assignment the above mentioned benefits would be granted to Corage, Ltd.

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) U.S. dollars in thousands

f. Tax benefits under the Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 1959:

Corage, Ltd. has been granted the status of "Approved Enterprise" under the Law for the Encouragement of Capital Investments, 1959 (the "Investment Law"). According to the provisions of the Investment Law, Corage, Ltd. has elected to enjoy "alternative benefits"—a waiver of grants in return for tax exemption. The "Approved Enterprise" status will allow Corage, Ltd. a tax exemption on undistributed income derived from the "Approved Enterprise" program. The income derived from this "Approved Enterprise" will be tax exempt for a period of two years, and will enjoy a reduced tax rate thereafter of 10% to 25% for an additional five to eight years (depending on the percentage of foreign investment). The five to ten-year period of benefits will commence with the first year in which Corage, Ltd. earns taxable income. The period of tax benefits, detailed above, is subject to limits of the earlier of 12 years from the commencement of production, or 14 years from receiving the approval.

The entitlement to the above benefits is conditional upon the Company's fulfilling the conditions stipulated by the above law, regulations published thereunder and the instruments of approval for the specific investments in "Approved Enterprises." In the event of failure to comply with these conditions, the benefits may be canceled and the Company may be required to refund the amount of the benefits, in whole or in part, including interest.

Should Corage, Ltd. derive income from sources other than the "Approved Enterprise" during the period of benefits, such income shall be taxable at the regular corporate tax rate of 36%.

g. Separation from DSP Group, Ltd.

DSP Group, Ltd. has obtained a tax ruling for the tax exempt split plan pursuant to section 105A(a) to the Israeli Income Tax Ordinance ("section 105"). Under section 105 and according to the ruling, the majority of the assets that will be transferred to Corage, Ltd. and the majority of the assets that will remain in DSP Group, Ltd., cannot be sold for a two-year period and subject to other requirements determined by law.

#### **NOTE 8:—SUBSEQUENT EVENTS (Unaudited)**

a. On April 4, 2002, the Parent, the Company and Parthus Technologies plc ("Parthus") entered into a combination agreement (the "Combination Agreement") pursuant to which Parthus and the Company agreed to effect a combination of their businesses, whereby the Parent contributes the DSP core licensing business and operations and the related assets and liabilities of such business and operations to the Company and Parthus will be acquired by the Company in exchange for the Common Stock of the Company (the "Combination"). The new combined company will be renamed ParthusCeva, Inc. ("ParthusCeva").

The Parent will distribute 100% of the equity of the Company it holds pro-rata to the Parent's stockholders. Immediately following the Separation and distribution of stock to the Parent's stockholders and pursuant to the Combination, the Company will issue its Common Stock to the existing shareholders of Parthus and Parthus will become a subsidiary of the Company. As a result of these transactions, the stockholders of the Parent will hold shares representing approximately 50.1% of the Common Stock of ParthusCeva and the former shareholders of Parthus will hold shares representing approximately 49.9% of the Common Stock of ParthusCeva.

Per a ruling obtained from the U.S. Internal Revenue Service, the separation and distribution of Ceva's common stock to the stockholders of DSP Group will be a tax-free reorganization.

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) U.S. dollars in thousands

The following agreements were signed with respect to the mentioned transactions:

Separation Agreement:

The separation agreement provides for the transfer to Ceva of assets and liabilities from DSP Group related to the DSP cores licensing business in exchange for the issuance by Ceva to DSP Group of 1,000 shares of Ceva common stock on the separation date. Further, the separation agreement provides for DSP Group's Israeli subsidiary, DSP Group, Ltd., to transfer all of the share capital of Corage, Ltd, an Israeli company, to DSP Group, which DSP Group then contributed to Ceva. Ceva subsequently contributed all of the Corage, Ltd. share capital to DSP Ceva, Inc., our wholly-owned subsidiary. Upon the closing of the combination, DSP Ceva, Inc. changed its name to DSP ParthusCeva, Inc. and Corage, Ltd. changed its name to ParthusCeva, Ltd.

After its contribution of assets to Ceva, DSP Group surrendered shares of Ceva's Common Stock it held to Ceva without consideration, to adjust the number of shares of Ceva's Common Stock held by DSP Group and then distributed the remaining shares of Ceva Common stock it held to the DSP Group stockholders on the basis of one share of Ceva common stock for every three shares of DSP Group's common stock held by such stockholder on the record dated for the distribution. Following the distribution, Ceva acquired Parthus pursuant to a scheme of arrangement.

#### The Contribution.

As part of the assets contributed to us in the separation, DSP Group also contributed to us a total of the sum of \$40 million as initial working capital plus cash equal to the amount by which the transaction costs of the separation and combination exceeded \$2 million. In addition, as part of the separation and distribution and pursuant to the terms of the separation agreement, Ceva and DSP Group agreed to settle the intercompany investment account between them by (i) converting part of DSP Group's investment account in Ceva (consisting of the value of the property, equipment and inventory) into Ceva's stockholders' equity, (ii) allowing DSP Group to retain all rights to Ceva's accounts receivable existing on the date of the separation, and (iii) having DSP Group retain certain of Ceva's current liabilities existing on the date of separation, such that the settlement arrangement results in the net amount of assets retained by DSP Group to equal the amount of the intercompany account on the date of separation (as of June 30, 2002, approximately \$8.7 million).

#### The Distribution.

DSP Group distributed all of the shares of Ceva's common stock outstanding on the separation date to its stockholders on a pro rata basis. No fractional shares was issued in the distribution. Instead, DSP Group stockholders received cash for any fractional shares of Ceva's common stock held by them.

Representations, warranties, covenants and indemnification regarding the distribution.

The separation agreement contains representations and warranties from DSP Group and Ceva as to the accuracy of facts and representations made by DSP Group, Ceva and Parthus in connection with the tax rulings issued by the Internal Revenue Service in connection with the separation, distribution and combination. Under the separation agreement, ParthusCeva has agreed that (i) during the two-year period following the completion of the distribution, ParthusCeva will not liquidate, dispose of or discontinue a substantial portion of the "active trade or business" of the Company, or dispose of any business or assets in a manner inconsistent with the business purpose for the distribution, or (ii) during the one-year period following the completion of the distribution,

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) (U.S. dollars in thousands)

ParthusCeva will not agree to or undertake a proposed acquisition transaction (as defined in the separation agreement) unless the requirements set forth in the separation agreement are satisfied.

Under the terms of the separation agreement, ParthusCeva has agreed to indemnify DSP Group and its affiliates for any tax liability incurred by DSP Group as a result of ParthusCeva's breach of any representation, warranties or covenants made in the separation agreement with respect to the tax matters listed in the separation agreement.

In addition, each of the parties has agreed to indemnify the other with respect to the failure to pay, perform or discharge any liabilities for which it is responsible under the separation agreement, breach any of the terms of the separation agreement and the ancillary agreements associated with the separation agreement or breach any of the covenants or obligations of the combination agreement.

The rights and obligations detailed above will survive until 30 days following the expiration of the applicable statute of limitations. There are no limitations on the rights and obligations relating to the amount of any claim for indemnification.

#### Expenses.

Each party to the separation agreement will bear its own respective third party fees, costs and expenses paid or incurred in connection with the transactions.

Various ancillary agreements detail the separation and various interim and ongoing relationships among DSP Group, its subsidiaries, ParthusCeva and its subsidiaries. These agreements are described more fully below.

### Ceva Technology Transfer Agreement

The Ceva technology transfer agreement identifies the assets, including intellectual property, that DSP Group transferred to Ceva and the liabilities that Ceva assumed from DSP Group in the separation in exchange for issuance by Ceva to DSP Group of shares of its common stock.

#### **DSP Ceva Technology Transfer Agreement**

The DSP Ceva technology transfer agreement implements the transfer from ParthusCeva to its whollyowned subsidiary, DSP Ceva, of the assets transferred by DSP Group to Ceva and the assumption by DSP Ceva of liabilities assumed by Ceva from DSP Group in the separation in exchange for the issuance by DSP Ceva to Ceva of shares in its share capital.

#### Transition Services Agreement Among DSP Group, DSP Ceva and ParthusCeva

The transition services agreement governs the provision of transitional services by DSP Group to ParthusCeva and to DSP Ceva after the separation date. DSP Group is obligated to provide certain general and administrative services, including management and information services and network, hardware and software maintenance and support, to ParthusCeva and to DSP Ceva. ParthusCeva and DSP Ceva are obligated to pay DSP Group an agreed amount.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) (U.S. dollars in thousands)

The term of the transition services agreement commences on the date of the separation agreement and continues until such time as DSP Group is no longer required to provide any transition services.

During the first year following the separation date, and for so long thereafter as the parties agree, ParthusCeva and DSP Ceva will occupy and utilize portions of DSP Group's facilities. ParthusCeva and DSP Ceva are obligated to pay an agreed amount to DSP Group for their respective pro rata shares of the rent and other costs of occupying and operating these facilities.

#### Tax Indemnification and Allocation Agreement

Ceva was included as part of DSP Group's consolidated group for federal income tax purposes until the separation date. In general, under the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, each member of a consolidated group is jointly and severally liable for the federal income tax liability of each other member of the consolidated group.

Pursuant negotiations between DSP Group and Parthus to allocate the responsibilities between ParthusCeva and DSP Group for tax liabilities that may be asserted in the future, in addition to the indemnification provided in the separation agreement, ParthusCeva have entered into a tax indemnification and allocation agreement with DSP Group pursuant to which DSP Group will be liable for, and will indemnify ParthusCeva for, any federal income tax related to the consolidated return for all periods ending on or before the distribution date. Under that agreement, each of ParthusCeva and DSP Group will each be liable for, and shall indemnify the other against, its respective liability for federal income tax for subsequent periods after the distribution.

#### **Voting Agreements**

As a condition to the combination of Parthus and Ceva, certain stockholders have entered into individual voting agreements with ParthusCeva. These agreements, which cover approximately 20.2% of the outstanding stock of ParthusCeva as of the date of the combination (although the voting agreements apply to any additional shares subsequently acquired by such stockholders, including upon exercise of options), provide that the stockholders that entered into the voting agreements will vote all of his or her ParthusCeva shares for the ParthusCeva nominees to its board or directors and, with respect to all other matters to be voted on by the stockholders, either in accordance with the recommendations of the ParthusCeva board of directors or, if the board of directors makes no recommendation, for or against such matters in the same proportion as the shares owned by all other stockholders. Each voting agreement terminates upon the earlier of two years from the date of the agreement, the sale of all or substantially all of ParthusCeva assets or a consolidation or merger of ParthusCeva as a result of which its stockholders prior to such a consolidation or merger hold less than 50% of the voting equity of the surviving or resulting entity, a liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the ParthusCeva business operations, the execution by ParthusCeva of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors or the appointment of a receiver or trustee to take possession of its property and assets.

#### **Combination Agreement**

Pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Combination Agreement, Parthus and the Company will effect a combination of their businesses, whereby, immediately after the separation and distribution of stock by the Parent, Parthus will be acquired by the Company in exchange for the Common Stock of the Company. The newly combined company will be renamed ParthusCeva and its Common Stock will be quoted on the Nasdaq National Market and traded on the London Stock Exchange upon receipt of related approvals.

### NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued) (U.S. dollars in thousands)

The combination will be effected through a scheme of arrangement pursuant to the laws of the Republic of Ireland—a form of corporate reorganization that will be approved by the shareholders and sanctioned by the High Court of Ireland. The scheme provided as follows:

- Immediately prior to the combination with Ceva, Parthus distributed to its shareholders an aggregate cash repayment of capital of \$60 million.
- The existing Parthus shares were then cancelled and each Parthus shareholder received new shares of ParthusCeva's common stock.
- Immediately following the combination, the stockholders of DSP Group and the former shareholders of Parthus own approximately 50.1% and 49.9%, respectively, of the common stock of ParthusCeva.
- ParthusCeva assumed all outstanding Parthus share options and the option plans and option agreements
  that govern them. These options continue with the same terms and conditions, except that they have
  become options to purchase shares of ParthusCeva's common stock and have been adjusted in the
  manner set forth below. Option holders will no longer be able to obtain Parthus shares or ADSs upon
  exercise of such options.
- The number of shares of ParthusCeva's common stock purchasable upon the exercise of each Parthus option is equal to the number of Parthus shares underlying the option, adjusted to take into account the conversion of Parthus shares into ParthusCeva shares. The exercise price per share was also adjusted proportionately.
- b. In April 2002 the Company's Board of Directors approved an amendment to its Certificate of Incorporation which will be amended in connection with the Combination to provide for, among other things, (i) the authorization of one hundred five million (105,000,000) shares of Corage Common Stock, (ii) the authorization of five million (5,000,000) shares of preferred stock of the Corporation with rights, preferences and privileges to be designated and established by the Board.

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# PARTHUS TECHNOLOGIES PLC CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	Audited December 31,	Unaudited June 30,
	2001	2002
	(in thou	sands)
ASSETS		**
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$121,503	\$114,101
Short term investments—available for sale	1,800	<del>-</del>
Accounts receivable	3,541	5,421
Prepayments and other current assets	3,365	3,968
Inventory	797	517
Total current assets	131,006	124,007
Property, plant and equipment, net	7,691	6,617
Investments	· —	4,500
Goodwill, net	62,691	63,579
Intangible assets, net	4,432	3,752
Total assets	\$205,820	\$202,455
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	-	
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 5,672	\$ 4,680
Accrued liabilities	11,178	12,718
Deferred revenue	4,759	3,914
Taxes payable	2,124	1;554
Total current liabilities	23,733	22,866
Shareholders' equity		•
Ordinary shares, par value €0.000317 per share; 8,000,000,000 shares authorized		
at December 31, 2001 and June 30, 2002; 581,180,431 and 590,605,690 shares		
issued and outstanding at December 31, 2001 and June 30, 2002	205	207
Additional paid in capital	239,138	241,127
Deferred stock compensation	(5,052)	(4,002)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(3,065)	(3,047)
Retained earnings	(49,139)	(54,696)
Total shareholders' equity	182,087	179,589
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$205,820	\$202,455

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

### UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

		Six months ende		ied June 30,	
		2001		2002	
	exce	(in tho ept share and			
Revenue					
IP license	\$	13,016	\$	18,766	
IP creation		4,302		1,427	
Hard IP		2,625		1,298	
Total revenue		19,943		21,491	
Cost of revenue					
IP license		2,149		2,943	
IP creation		3,034		1,002	
Hard IP		1,423		699	
Total cost of revenue		6,606		4,644	
Gross margin		13,337		16,847	
Research and development		13,744		13,516	
Sales and marketing		5,604		4,554	
General and administrative		3,790		3,100	
Amortization of goodwill & intangible assets		1,674		680	
ParthusCeva Merger costs				1,463	
Loss on disposal of facility				. 213	
Total operating expenses		24,812		23,526	
Loss from operations		(11,475)		(6,679)	
Interest income		3,784		1,337	
Foreign exchange loss		(89)		(215)	
Minority interest		(100)			
Loss before provision for income taxes		(7,880)		(5,557)	
Provision for income taxes		(300)		()	
Net loss available to ordinary shareholders	\$	(8,180)	\$	(5,557)	
Net loss per ordinary share  Basic and diluted	\$	(0.015)	\$	(0.010)	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares Outstanding					
Basic and diluted	_53	8,661,930	_58	33,404,690	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

## UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Number of Ordinary Shares	Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital	Deferred Stock Compensation	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Retained Earnings	Total Share- holders' Equity
			(in tho	usands, except s	hare data)		
Balance at December 31,		*					
2001	581,180,431	\$205	\$239,138	\$(5,052)	\$(3,065)	\$(49,139)	\$182,087
Comprehensive income:	y			* - + -			
Net loss	· —		_	· <u> </u>		(5,557)	(5,557)
Currency translation	*			\$ 10 a a			
adjustment			_		18	· · ·	18
Total comprehensive	•		•				
income	F					•	(5,539)
Exercise of share options	6,149,690	1	786		-	,	787
Issue of ordinary shares	3,275,569	. 1	1,215		· — -	·	1,216
Share issuance costs			(12)	, -	<del></del> .		(12)
Stock compensation				* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *			
expense	. <u> </u>			1,050	·_ <del>-</del>	·	1,050
Balance at June 31, 2002	590,605,690	\$207	\$241,127	\$(4,002)	\$(3,047)	\$(54,696)	\$179,589
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consensed consolidated financial statements.

#### UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Six me ended J	
	2001	2002
	(in thou	sands)
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net loss	\$ (8,180)	\$ (5,557)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities		212
Loss on disposal of facility	1 222	213
Depreciation	1,228	1,579
Amortization of goodwill and intangible assets	1,674	- 680
Undistributed earnings of minority interest	100	
Unrealized foreign exchange (gains) losses	(307)	288
Non-cash stock compensation expense	756	1,050
Changes in assets and liabilities	(2.200)	(1.40.4)
Increase in accounts receivable	(2,298)	(1,434).
Increase in prepayments and other current assets	(1,003)	(537)
Decrease in inventory	272	288
Increase in accrued liabilities	848	1,992
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	2,297	(883)
Increase (decrease) in taxes payable	915	(586)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	115	(1,123)
Net cash used in operating activities	(3,583)	(4,030)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of fixed assets	(3,745)	(1,080)
Disposal of facility	_	(445)
Purchase of business and intangible assets	(25,108)	
Cash acquired with subsidiary undertaking	1,061	· —
Sale of short term investments		1,800
Other investments		(4,900)
Net cash used in investing activities	(27,792)	(4,625)
Cash flows from financing activities	(21,172)	(1,020)
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	1,859	1,115
Share issuance costs	(762)	(12)
	1,097	
Net cash provided by financing activities		1,103
Effect of exchange rate movements on cash	(586)	150
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(30,864)	(7,402)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	159,865	121,503
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$129,001	\$114,101

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these unaudited consensed consolidated financial statements.

#### NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Basis of preparation

These condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles, have not been audited. These interim consolidated financial statements reflect all normal and recurring adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to present this data fairly. The six month periods ended June 30, 2001 and 2002 are regarded as distinct financial periods for accounting purposes with the exception of tax where the periods are allocated as appropriate proportions of the expected amounts of the total annual charge. The results for those periods are not necessarily indicative of the expected results for the full financial year. The preparation of the condensed consolidated financial statements in conformity with United States generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect reported amounts and disclosures in these unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. These unaudited financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements included elsewhere within this prospectus. There have been no significant changes in the Company's accounting policies from those outlined in the audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2001.

Certain information and footnote disclosure normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). The condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the accounting policies and notes to the consolidated financial statements included in this prospectus.

#### 2. Net loss per ordinary share

Basic net loss per ordinary share has been computed by dividing net loss available to ordinary shareholders by the weighted average numbers of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net loss per ordinary share is computed by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period for all potentially dilutive shares outstanding and adjusting net loss for any changes in loss that would result from the conversion of such potential ordinary shares.

There is no difference, for the periods presented, in net loss used for basic and diluted net loss per ordinary share. The reconciliation of the number of shares used in the computation of basic and net loss per share is as follows:

	Six months e	nded June 30,
	2002	2001
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding for basic net		
loss per ordinary share	583,404,690	538,661,930
Effect of dilutive share options outstanding	-	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted net loss per		
ordinary share	583,404,690	538,661,930

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued)

#### 3. Business segment information

Management is of the opinion that the Company operates in a single industry segment. The analysis of the Company's operations by geographical area is as follows:

	Six months ended June 30,	
Revenue by destination	2002	2001
	(in tho	usands)
United States	\$ 9,848	\$ 9,612
Europe, Middle East and Africa	9,751	8,397
Asia	1,892	1,934
Total	\$21,491	\$19,943

#### 4. New accounting pronouncements

In July 2001 the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") introduced two new statements: SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations" and Statement No. 142, "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets". Those statements change the accounting for business combinations and goodwill in two significant ways. First, SFAS No. 141 requires that the purchase method of accounting be used for all business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001. The adoption of the purchase method of accounting had no impact on the Company for the periods presented. Second, SFAS No. 142 changes the accounting for goodwill from an amortization method to an impairment-only approach. The Company adopted SFAS No. 142 effective January 1, 2002 and, accordingly, goodwill amortization ceased on that date.

The Company completed its transitional assessment of goodwill impairment in the second quarter of fiscal 2002 as required under SFAS No. 142 and the assessment indicates that there is no charge for impairment.

The following table reconciles the reported net loss for the six months ended June 30, 2001 to the respective pro forma balance adjusted to exclude goodwill amortization, which is no longer recorded under SFAS No. 142:

	Six months ended June 30, 2001
Reported net loss: Add back goodwill amortization	\$(8,180) 942
Adjusted net income	
Basic and diluted net loss per ordinary share:  Reported	\$(0.015) \$ 0.004
Adjusted net loss per ordinary share	\$(0.011)

SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," ("SFAS No. 144") addresses financial accounting and reporting for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets. The provisions

## NOTES TO THE UNAUDITED CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued)

of this statement are effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. The adoption of this standard did not have any impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### 5. Investments

On March 14, 2002 the Company entered into an agreement with UbiNetics to subscribe for 3,966,000 ordinary shares of UbiNetics, representing a minority investment in the shares of that company, for cash consideration of \$4.5 million. The investment has been accounted for under the cost method.

On the same date the Company completed an asset purchase agreement with UbiNetics, pursuant to which the Company disposed of certain assets and liabilities to UbiNetics. The loss recorded on the disposal amounted to \$213,000.

#### 6. Foreign currencies

On January 1, 2002, following a review of the economic facts and circumstances in which Parthus operates, the Company and certain subsidiaries adopted the US dollar as the functional currency. The impact of this change was not material to the reported results of operations.

#### 7. Shareholders' equity

Following the announcement of the Company's intention to enter into a combination agreement with Ceva, Inc., the Company agreed to issue an aggregate of 2,114,109 Parthus ordinary shares effective May 28, 2002 to the former shareholders of Chicory Systems, Inc., in full satisfaction of the Company's obligations with respect to a contingent issuance of a further 21.9 million ordinary shares in connection with the Company's acquisition of Chicory. The 2,114,109 share issuance was accounted for as additional purchase consideration and recorded as additional goodwill of \$887,926.

During the six months ended June 30, 2002, the Company issued a total of 116,146 ADSs (equivalent to 1,161,460 ordinary shares) to employees under the Company's Employee Share Purchase Plan for consideration of \$327,000.

#### 8. Combination with Ceva, Inc.

In April 2002, the Company announced that it had entered into an agreement with DSP Group, Inc. and Ceva, Inc., providing for the merger of Parthus and Ceva, the intellectual property subsidiary of DSP Group. This combination, to be effected as a merger of equals, has been unanimously approved by the board of directors of both companies. The new combined company, to be called ParthusCeva, Inc., will be incorporated in Delaware and headquartered in San Jose, California, with principal executive offices in Dublin, Ireland and Herzeliya, Israel.

Prior to the combination, Parthus is to distribute \$60 million cash to shareholders by means of a repayment of capital.

#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

To the Directors and Shareholders of Parthus Technologies plc

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Parthus Technologies plc and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 and the related consolidated statements of operations, shareholders' equity and comprehensive income and cash flows for each of the years in the three year period ended December 31, 2001. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of Parthus Technologies plc and subsidiaries as of December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, and the consolidated results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three year period ended December 31, 2001 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

KPMG Chartered Accountants

Dublin, Ireland January 25, 2002

# PARTHUS TECHNOLOGIES PLC CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

		December 31	,
	1999	2000	2001
		(in thousands	)
ASSETS			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$10,314	\$159,865	\$121,503
Short term investments—available for sale (note 4)			1,800
Accounts receivable	2,648	3,245	3,541
Related party receivables (note 3)	400	· <del>-</del> ,	_
Government grants receivable	462	904	· . <del></del> .
Prepayments and other current assets (note 5)	708	2,851	3,365
Inventory (note 6)		1,250	797
Total current assets	14,532	168,115	131,006
Property, plant and equipment, net (note 7)	2,368	4,891	7,691
Goodwill, net (note 9)		_	62,691
Intangible assets, net (note 10)	· — .	6,240	4,432
Total assets	\$16,900	\$179,246	\$205,820
	\$10,500	<del>3177,240</del>	<del></del>
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Current liabilities	•		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,123	\$ 3,802	\$ 5,672
Accrued liabilities (note 11)	3,375	9,438	11,178
Deferred revenue	1,527	5,680	4,759
Taxes payable	366	1,809	2,124
Bank overdraft	84		
Total current liabilities	6,475	20,729	23,733
Minority interests (note 12)	909	1,001	
Redeemable shares (note 13)	1,635	·	_
Shareholders' equity		1	
Ordinary shares, par value €0.000317 per share; 2,969,449,600 shares			
authorized at December 31, 1999 and 8,000,000,000 shares	*1		
authorized at December 31, 2000 and 2001; 362,473,760,		f	
530,595,999 and 581,180,431 shares issued and outstanding at			
December 31, 2000 and 2001 (note 14)	143	191	205
Additional paid in capital	10,602	177,657	239,138
Deferred stock compensation	(2,674)	(4,147)	(5,052)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(1,768)	(1,705)	(3,065)
Retained earnings	(1,578)	(14,480)	(49,139)
Total shareholders' equity	7,881	157,516	182,087
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$16,900	<u>\$179,246</u>	\$205,820

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

	Year ended December 31,			
	1999	2000	2001	
	(in thousands,	except share and p	er share data)	
Revenue IP license IP creation	\$ 5,214 13,826	\$ 16,059 12,433	\$ 29,998 6,756	
Hard IP		3,428	4,165	
Total revenue	19,040	31,920	40,919	
Cost of revenue IP license IP creation Hard IP	983 8,325	2,960 8,334 2,116	5,052 4,751 2,261	
Total cost of revenue	0.209	i		
Total cost of revenue  Gross margin  Research and development (note 15)  Sales and marketing (note 15)  General and administrative (note 15)  Amortization of goodwill and intangible assets  In-process research and development charge (note 8)  Restructuring charge (note 17)  Total operating expenses  Loss from operations  Interest income  Interest expense (note 16)  Foreign exchange gain (loss)  Minority interest (note 12)	9,308 9,732 7,128 2,479 2,994 — — 12,601 (2,869) 172 (27) 241 (75)	13,410 18,510 19,090 9,012 9,741 1,081 — 38,924 (20,414) 5,346 — 434 (204)	12,064 28,855 29,994 11,054 7,364 9,195 10,895 765 69,267 (40,412) 6,394 — (241) (100)	
Loss before provision for income taxes	(2,558)	(14,838) (1,205)	(34,359) (300)	
Net loss	(2,558)	(16,043)	(34,659)	
Net loss available to ordinary shareholders	\$ (2,612)	\$ (16,058)	\$ (34,659)	
Net loss per ordinary share	\$ (0.007)	\$ (0.034)	\$ (0.062)	
Weighted average number of ordinary shares Outstanding Basic and diluted	362,473,760	471,389,525	558,946,827	

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

	Number of Ordinary Shares	Amount	Additional Paid-in Capital	Deferred Stock Compensation	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Retained Earnings	Total Share- holders' Equity
			(in tho	usands, except sl	hare data)	<del></del>	
Balance at December 31, 1998	362,473,760	\$143	\$ 7,876	\$ <u> </u>	\$ (100)	\$ 4,190	\$ 12,109
Comprehensive income:			•				(0.000)
Net loss		_	· <del>-</del>		(1.669)	(2,558)	(2,558)
Currency translation adjustment	· —	-		• -	(1,668)	· ; —	(1,668)
Total comprehensive Income					* .	* !	. (4,226)
Non cash stock compensation	· · · · —	_	2,726	(2,726)		· · —	
Stock compensation Expense	<del>.</del>			52		—	52
Preference dividends						(54)	(54)
Balance at December 31, 1999	362,473,760	143	10,602	(2,674)	(1,768)	\$ 1,578	\$ 7,881
Comprehensive income:							
Net loss	_	_	_		<del></del>	(16,043)	(16,043)
Currency translation adjustment	·		· <del>-</del>		63	<del></del>	63
Total comprehensive Income						307 6 7 7	(15,980)
Exercise of share options	39,477,264	11	1,377		_	_	1,388
Issue of ordinary shares	128,644,975	37	172,858	· · · ·		_	172,895
Share issue costs	_	_	(14,193)	·	_ ::	•	(14,193)
Non cash stock compensation	_	_	7,013	(7,013)	· —	—,	
Stock compensation Expense	_	_	_	5,540		(15)	5,540
Preference dividends					·	(15)	(15)
Balance at December 31, 2000	530,595,999	\$191	\$177,657	\$(4,147)	<u>\$(1,705)</u>	\$(14,480)	\$157,516
Comprehensive income:							
Net loss	· · · · · ·		_	. <u>-</u> · ·	<del>-</del>	(34,659)	(34,659)
Currency translation adjustment	_	. —	_	· ·	(1,360)	· —	(1,360)
Total comprehensive Income							(36,019)
Exercise of share options	7,976,400	2	1,160	_	_	•	1,162
Issue of ordinary shares	42,608,032	12	58,372	_	_		58,384
Share issue costs	. —	_	(762)			. —	(762)
Non-cash stock compensation			2,711	(2,711)			
Stock compensation expense				1,806			1,806
Balance at December 31, 2001	581,180,431	\$205	\$239,138	\$(5,052)	\$(3,065)	\$(49,139)	\$182,087
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### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	Year	er 31,	
	1999	2000	2001
	<u></u>	(in thousands)	)
Cash flows from operating activities		•	
Net loss	\$ (2,558)	\$ (16,043)	\$ (34,659)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash (used in) provided by			
operating activities			7.
Loss on disposal of fixed assets		1 .	1
Depreciation	1,089	1,944	•
Amortization of goodwill and intangible assets		1,081	9,195
In-process research and development charge		_	10,895
Non-cash interest expense	. 27	· —	<del></del>
Undistributed earnings of minority interest	75	204	100
Unrealized foreign exchange gains	(143)	(341)	(556)
Non-cash stock compensation expense	52	5,540	1,806
Changes in assets and liabilities			
Increase in accounts receivable	(1,396)	(249)	(472)
(Increase) decrease in prepayments and other current assets	(375)	(2,575)	455
(Increase) decrease in related party receivables	(425)	400	_
(Increase) decrease in inventory		(288)	425
Increase in accrued liabilities	2,096	5,563	838
Increase (decrease) in deferred revenue	874	3,940	(946)
(Decrease) increase in taxes payable	(358)	1,232	404
Increase in accounts payable	654	2,456	1,930
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	(388)	2,865	(7,916)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Purchase of fixed assets.	(1,281)	(3,428)	(5,538)
Sale of fixed assets	· —	1	. —
Purchase of business and intangible assets		(7,453)	(25,108)
Cash acquired with subsidiary undertaking		. —	1,061
Purchase of short term investments			(1,800)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,281)	(10,880)	(31,385)
Cash flows from financing activities	ŕ	,	
Proceeds from issuance of share capital	<u> </u>	172,424	2,209
Share issuance costs		(12,535)	(762)
Redemption of redeemable shares	(664)	(1,623)	
Proceeds from (repayment of) bank overdraft	84	(84)	
Preference dividends paid	(54)	(15)	_
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(634)	158,167	1,447
Effect of exchange rate movements on cash	(1,733)	(601)	(508)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(4,036)	149,551	(38,362)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	14,350	10,314	159,865
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$10,314	\$159,865	\$121,503

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. Business Overview

Parthus Technologies plc and its subsidiary companies (collectively known as the "Company") is a leading supplier of platform-level intellectual property solutions to the mobile Internet market. The Company offers businesses significant time-to-market advantages by delivering system level solutions for mobile Internet devices that can be integrated quickly and easily with customer owned technology and third party industry standards. The Company's customers consist primarily of leading electronic product and semiconductor manufacturers.

#### 2. Significant accounting polices

#### (a) Basis of preparation

The accounting policies noted below were applied in the preparation of the accompanying financial statements and are in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("US GAAP").

#### (b) Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with US GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

#### (c) Principles of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements incorporate the financial statements of the Company and all of its subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated on consolidation.

#### (d) Revenue recognition

The Company recognizes revenue in accordance with the provisions of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statement of Position No. 97-2 and No. 98-4 "Software Revenue Recognition" (SOP 97-2 and SOP 98-4) as follows:

Intellectual Property (IP) Licence revenue consists of license fees received under the terms of license agreements with customers to enable them to use the Company's IP which is customized to each customer's specific requirements. The Company licenses its IP to leading semiconductor manufacturers and electronic product manufacturers for applications in the Mobile-Internet market. The Company's IP consists of software and related documentation that enable a customer to produce integrated circuits and related technology and software. In general the time between the signing of a license and final customer acceptance is between three and twelve months with most time allocated to the period between delivery and acceptance of the technology. Delivery generally occurs within a short time period after signing.

Fees are payable upon completion of agreed upon milestones, such as delivery of specifications and technical documentation. Each licence is designed to meet the specific requirements of the particular customer and can vary from rights to incorporate Company technology into a customer's own application specific product to the complete design of a "system on a chip".

No upgrades or modifications to the licensed IP are provided. Following customer acceptance, the Company has no further obligations under the license agreement.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued)

Revenues from initial license fees are recognized based on the percentage to completion method over the period from signing of the license through to customer acceptance. Initial license fees are recognized using the percentage of completion method as software requires significant modification or customization. The amount of revenue recognized is based on the total license fees under the license agreement and the percentage to completion achieved. The percentage to completion is measured by monitoring progress using records of actual time incurred to date in the project compared to the total estimated project requirement, which corresponds to the costs related to earned revenues. Estimates of total project requirements are based on prior experience of customization, delivery and acceptance of the same or similar technology and are reviewed and updated regularly by management. After delivery, if uncertainty exists about customer acceptance of the software, license revenue would not be recognized until acceptance. Under the percentage to completion method, provisions for estimated losses on uncompleted contracts are recognized in the period in which the likelihood of such losses is determined.

The Company believes that the use of the percentage of completion method is appropriate as the Company has the ability to make reasonably dependable estimates of the extent of progress towards completion, contract revenues and contract costs. In addition, contracts executed include provisions that clearly specify the enforceable rights regarding services to be provided and received by the parties to the contracts, the consideration to be exchanged and the manner and terms of settlement. In all cases the Company expects to perform its contractual obligations and its licensees are expected to satisfy their obligations under the contract.

The excess of license fees received over revenue recognized in respect of such fees is recorded as deferred revenue.

In addition to the license fees, contracts generally contain an agreement to provide post contract (support, maintenance and training) which consists of an identified customer contact at the Group and telephone or e-mail support. Fees for post contract support which take place after customer acceptance are specified in the contract. Revenue for post contract support is recognized on a straight-line basis over the period for which support and maintenance and training is contractually agreed by the Company with the licensee.

IP creation is the development and design of integrated circuits. Revenues from IP creation comprise revenues arising from fee for service contracts based on time and materials. Revenue from IP creation is recognized when the service has been provided and all obligations to the customer under the contract have been fulfilled.

Hard IP is the incorporation of intellectual property into reference designs (either as silicon chips or printed circuit boards). Revenues from Hard IP are recognized when reference designs are complete, delivery has occurred and all obligations to the customer are fulfilled.

#### (e) Research and development

Research and development expenditure is expensed in the period in which it is incurred.

#### (f) Government grants

Government grants received relating to capital expenditure are offset against the cost of the related property, plant and equipment.

Grants relating to categories of operating expenditures are credited to income in the period in which the expenditure to which they relate is charged.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued)

#### (g) Pension costs

The Company contributes to defined contribution plans covering all eligible employees. The Company contributes to these plans based upon various fixed percentages of employee compensation, and such contributions are expensed as incurred. The amounts of contributions expensed by the Company for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 were \$848,000, \$1,529,000 and \$1,727,000, respectively.

#### (h) Cash equivalents

The Group considers all highly liquid investments with original maturity dates of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

#### (i) Property, plant and equipment

The cost of property, plant and equipment is their purchase cost, together with any incidental costs of acquisition.

Depreciation is calculated so as to write off the cost of property, plant and equipment, less estimated residual values, on a straight line basis over the expected useful economic lives of the assets concerned. The principal economic lives used for this purpose are:

Work stations	3—4 years
Plant and machinery	3—5 years
Office equipment	4—5 years
Motor vehicles	4 years

#### (j) Intangible assets

Intangible assets represent the acquisition of intellectual property and patents which are amortized over five years on a straight line basis, representing the estimated period over which benefits are expected to accrue. Where events and circumstances are present which indicate that the carrying amount of an intangible asset may not be recoverable, the Company estimates the future undiscounted cash flows expected to result from use of the asset and its eventual disposition. Where future undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset, the Company will recognize an impairment loss, otherwise no loss is recognized. This impairment loss is measured by comparing the fair value of the asset with its carrying value.

#### (k) Goodwill

Goodwill arising on acquisition is capitalized and amortized over five years on a straight line basis, representing the estimated period over which benefits are expected to accrue. Where events and circumstances are present which indicate that the carrying amount of goodwill may not be recoverable, the Company estimates the future undiscounted cash flows expected to result from use of the goodwill and its eventual disposition. Where future undiscounted cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset, the Company will recognize an impairment loss, otherwise no loss is recognized. The impairment loss is measured by comparing the fair value of the asset with its carrying value. The Company adopted SFAS No. 142 "Goodwill and Intangible Assets" effective from January 1, 2002. SFAS No. 142 changes the accounting for goodwill from an amortization method to an impairment only approach. Amortization of goodwill ceases on adoption of SFAS No. 142.

#### (l) Investments—available for sale

The Company has classified short term investments as available for sale in accordance with the terms of SFAS No. 115 "Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities". The investments are reported at fair value with unrealized gains and losses reported in a separate component of shareholder equity. No unrealized gain or loss arose in the year ended December 31, 2001.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued)

#### (m) Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value and after provisions for obsolescence. Cost in the case of raw materials comprises the purchase price and attributable costs, less trade discounts. Cost in the case of work in progress and finished goods, comprises fixed labor, raw materials costs and attributable overheads.

#### (n) Operating leases

Costs in respect of operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the lease term.

#### (o) Accounting for stock based compensation

The Company has elected to use the intrinsic value-based method to account for all of its employee stock based compensation plans under APB Opinion No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees".

Stock compensation is amortized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period of the options, typically four years. The Company has adopted the disclosure requirements of the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 123, "Accounting for Stock Based Compensation" (see note 15).

The Company has not granted options to non employees.

#### (p) Foreign currencies and translation of subsidiaries

The Company reporting currency is the US dollar (\$).

The functional currency of the Company is Euro and the functional currency of the Company's overseas operations is the local currency in which its operations conduct their business.

The assets and liabilities of subsidiaries denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Euro at rates of exchange at the balance sheet date.

Statements of income of overseas subsidiaries are translated into Euro at the average exchange rate for the period. Translation differences are taken to the cumulative translation adjustment.

Assets and liabilities so determined are translated into the Company's reporting currency at the exchange rate at the balance sheet date. Revenues, expenses, gains and losses are translated at a weighted average of the exchange rates during the period, and all translation effects of exchange rate changes are included in the cumulative translation adjustment as a separate component of shareholders' equity.

Transactions in currencies other than the functional currency are recorded at the rate at the date of the transaction. Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in currencies other than the functional currency are translated at exchange rates prevailing at the balance sheet date. Adjustments resulting from these translations are taken to income and, where material, are separately disclosed.

Dividends declared by the Company will be declared in Euro.

#### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued)

#### (q) Disclosure about fair value of financial instruments

The following methods and assumptions were used to estimate the fair value of each material class of financial instrument:

The carrying amount of cash, cash equivalents, short term investments, unbilled revenue, other receivables, prepayments and other current assets and accounts receivable approximates fair value due to the short term maturities of these instruments.

The carrying amount of accounts payable, payments received on account, accrued liabilities and taxes payable approximates fair value due to the short term maturities of these instruments.

#### (r) Income taxes

The Company applies SFAS' No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes", which requires the asset and liability method of accounting for income taxes. Under the asset and liability method of SFAS No. 109, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates that will apply to taxable income in the years in which these temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled.

#### (s) Advertising costs

All costs associated with advertising and promotion are expensed as incurred. The advertising and promotion expense was \$78,000, \$1,566,000 and \$753,000 for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, respectively.

#### (t) Net loss per ordinary share

Basic net loss per ordinary share has been computed by dividing net loss available to ordinary shareholders by the weighted average numbers of ordinary shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net loss per ordinary share is computed by adjusting the weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding during the period for all potentially dilutive ordinary shares outstanding during the period and adjusting net loss for any changes in loss that would result from the conversion of such potential ordinary shares.

There is no difference, for the years presented, in net loss used for basic and diluted net loss per ordinary share. The reconciliation of the number of shares used in the computation of basic and diluted net income loss per ordinary share is as follows:

the first transfer of the control of	<u></u>	Year ended Decemb	er 31,
	1999	2000	2001
Weighted average number of ordinary shares outstanding	ıg		
for basic net loss per ordinary share	362,473,	760 471,389,525	558,946,827
Effect of dilutive share options outstanding	. ۱۹۹۰ - ا		
Weighted average number of ordinary shares for diluted	l	it i	
net loss per ordinary share		760 471,389,525	558,946,827

In the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, share options (see note 15) are anti dilutive.

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#### (u) Allowance for bad debts

The Company recorded an allowance for bad debts in the year ended December 31, 2001 of \$232,000. No such allowance was recorded at December 31, 2000.

#### (v) Comprehensive income

Total comprehensive income includes net income and other comprehensive income which, for the Company, is comprised of currency translation adjustments.

#### (w) Recently issued accounting standards

In June 2001, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 141, "Business Combinations". This statement requires that the purchase method of accounting be used for all business combinations initiated after June 30, 2001. The adoption of this standard did not have any impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

In July 2001, the FASB issued SFAS No. 142 "Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets" which revises the accounting for purchased goodwill and other intangible assets. SFAS No. 142 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001, with earlier adoption permitted. The Company will adopt SFAS No. 142 effective from January 1, 2002. Under SFAS No. 142, purchased goodwill and intangible assets with indefinite lives are no longer amortized, but instead tested for impairment at least annually. Accordingly, the Company has ceased amortization of all goodwill as of January 1, 2002. Goodwill amortization amounted to \$7,824,000 for the year ended December 31, 2001. No goodwill amortization arose in either of the years ended December 31, 1999 and 2000. The Company does not have any intangible assets, other than goodwill, with indefinite lives. Intangible assets with finite lives, primarily patents and intellectual property, will continue to be amortized over their useful lives, currently estimated at five years. The Company recorded amortization of intangible assets of \$Nil, \$1,081,000 and \$1,371,000 for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 respectively.

SFAS No. 142 requires a two step impairment test for goodwill. The first step is to compare the carrying amount of the reporting unit's assets to the fair value of the reporting unit. If the carrying amount exceeds the fair value then the second step is required to be completed, which involves the fair value of the reporting unit being allocated to each asset and liability with the excess being implied goodwill. The impairment loss is the amount by which the recorded goodwill exceeds the implied goodwill. The Company is required to complete a "transitional" impairment test for goodwill as of the beginning of the fiscal year in which the statement is adopted. This transitional impairment test requires that the Company complete step one of the goodwill impairment test within six months from December 31, 2001. The Company is currently completing this transitional impairment test and does not expect to incur any impairment charges to goodwill.

SFAS No. 143, "Accounting for Asset Retirement Obligations" ("SFAS No. 143"), addresses financial accounting and reporting for obligations associated with the retirement of tangible long-lived assets and the associated asset retirement costs. The statement requires that the fair value of a liability for an asset retirement obligation be recognized in the period in which it is incurred if a reasonable estimate of fair value can be made. The associated asset retirement costs are capitalised as part of the carrying amount of the long-lived asset. This statement is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2002. The Company does not expect that SFAS No. 143 will have a material impact on the financial statements.

SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," ("SFAS No. 144") addresses financial accounting and reporting for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets. The provisions

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of this statement are effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2001. The Company does not expect that SFAS No. 144 will have a material impact on the financial statements.

In April 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued SFAS No. 145 "Rescission of FASB Statements No. 4, 44 and 64, Amendment of FASB Statement No. 13, and Technical Corrections." SFAS No. 145 provides for the rescission of several previously issued accounting standards, new accounting guidance for the accounting for certain lease modifications and various technical corrections that are not substantive in nature to existing pronouncements. SFAS No. 145 will be adopted beginning January 1, 2003, except for the provisions relating to the amendment of SFAS No. 13, which will be adopted for transactions occurring subsequent to May 15, 2002. Adoption of SFAS No. 145 will not have a material impact on the consolidated financial statements.

#### 3. Related party transactions

The Company trades in the normal course of business with STMicroelectronics Srl., which held 20% of the equity of Silicon Systems Design Limited, a subsidiary undertaking, until June 29, 2001. On that date, Parthus acquired the STMicroelectronics Srl. 20% shareholding in Silicon Systems Design for consideration of \$38,640,000 (see note 8).

During the year ended December 31, 2001 Parthus and STMicroelectronics Srl. entered into a multi-technology portfolio licensing and royalty agreement for the complete suite of Parthus mobile Internet IP Platforms. Revenue generated from STMicroelectronics Srl. during the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 was \$12,879,000, \$12,442,000 and \$12,592,000, respectively. The account receivables balances with STMicroelectronics Srl. at December 31, 2000 and 2001 were \$12,500 and \$404,500 respectively.

William McCabe and Sven-Christer Nilsson, our non-executive directors receive directors fees of approximately \$10,000 and \$40,000 per annum, plus reasonable expenses. Mr. McCabe is also entitled to approximately \$25,000 per annum for consulting services rendered to us.

On July 1, 1996 the Group entered into a property lease agreement with Veton Properties Limited to lease its head office. The lease term is 25 years from July 1, 1996 subject to annual rent of €380,922 (\$341,000). Brian Long and Peter McManamon are minority shareholders in the equity of Veton Properties Limited.

During the year ended December 31, 1999, the Group advanced an interest free loan of \$400,000 to William McLean, president of US operations and vice president of world-wide sales. The loan was repaid in full in March 2000.

#### 4. Short term investments—available for sale

The Company has classified its investment portfolio, comprising short term minimum "AA" rated securities, as available for sale. The investments are reported at fair value. The balance was converted into cash in January 2002.

## 5. Prepayments and other current assets

	Decem	ber 31,
Here is a first that the second of the second of the	.,2000	2001
and the first of the contraction of the second of the seco	(in tho	ısands)
VAT taxes recoverable	\$ 456	\$ 201
Prepayments	1,538	859
Accrued income	483	2,087
Other current assets	374	218
and the control of th	\$2,851	\$3,365

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#### 6. Inventory

	J	December 3	
	. 7	2000	2001
	(	in thou	sands)
Raw materials	\$	964	\$635
Work in progress		261	103
Finished goods		25	59
	\$1	1,250	\$797

#### 7. Property, plant and equipment

						*	Decem	ber 31,
,	;· ·						2000	2001 .
					·	•	(in tho	usands)
Cost			,					
Work stations							\$ 7,847	\$11,611
Office equipment				•••••			1,356	2,775
Plant and machinery			•••••	•••••			476	539
Motor vehicles	*************			************			50	
· ·	*:						9,729	14,925
Less accumulated dep	reciation		••••••		•		(4,838)	(7,234)
Property, plant and eq	uipment (ne	t)	•••••	•••••			\$ 4,891	\$ 7,691

Depreciation charged to income for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 was \$1,089,000, \$1,944,000 and \$2,668,000 respectively.

#### 8. Acquisitions

Acquisition of Chicory Systems Inc.

On May 22, 2001 the Company acquired 100% of the outstanding shares in Chicory Systems Inc., a company incorporated in the United States of America. The results of Chicory Systems Inc have been included in the consolidated financial statements since May 22, 2001. Chicory Systems Inc. delivers innovative, silicon-based intellectual property that accelerates critical mobile Internet applications.

The aggregate purchase price was \$43,441,000, comprising cash of \$11,708,000 and the issuance of 22,221,442 new ordinary shares with a fair market value of \$31,733,000. The fair market value of the issued shares was determined based on the average market price of Parthus' shares over the 5-day period before and after the terms of the acquisition were agreed to and announced.

The acquisition agreement provides for the issuance of a maximum of 21.9 million additional Parthus ordinary shares contingent upon the achievement by Chicory of certain performance targets over the period to December 31, 2002. Such potential additional purchase consideration will be recorded as goodwill.

All outstanding unvested options over ordinary shares in Chicory Systems Inc. were exchanged for a total of 1,950,167 options over ordinary shares in the Company, the intrinsic value of which was recorded as deferred stock compensation of \$2,711,000 and is being amortized on a straight line basis over the remaining option vesting period of two to four years.

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The purchase price exceeded the amounts allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed by \$32,884,000 and this excess has been classified as goodwill. The following table summarises the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the date of acquisition.

	\$'000
Cash	1,061
Prepayments	76
Property, plant and equipment	132
In-process research and development	10,895
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(1,243)
Net assets acquired	10,921
Purchase consideration including costs of acquisition	43,805
Goodwill	32,884

The value assigned to purchased in-process technology relates to two microprocessor architecture projects (Project A and Project B) valued at \$7,370,000 and \$3,525,000 respectively. The estimated fair value of the acquired in-process research and development projects that had not yet reached technological feasibility and had no alternative future use amounted to \$10,895,000.

Technological feasibility or commercial viability of these projects was not established at the acquisition date. These products were considered to have no alternative future use other than the technological indications for which they were in development. Accordingly, these amounts were immediately expensed in the consolidated statement of operations on the acquisition date in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 4, "Applicability of FASB Statement No. 2 to Business Combinations Accounted for by the Purchase Method." The estimated fair values of these projects were determined using discounted cash flow models. Projects A and B were estimated to be 80% and 50% complete, respectively; estimated costs to completion of these products were approximately \$570,000 and \$700,000, respectively, and discount rates of 35% and 40%, respectively, were used. Both projects involve completion of hardware and software elements. The hardware component must be finalized before the software piece (consisting of validation work, completion of the driver code, etc.) can be started. At the valuation date, Project A had not completed the software element and the Project B had not completed the hardware component. These projects were expected to be completed by the end of 2001, when the company expected to commence sales of the products. The principal risks relating to the development of the Project A product technology include completing the hardware solutions, developing the reference software and reference manual, testing and debugging. The principal risks relating to the development of the Project B product technology include completing the micro-architecture, developing the driver code and software for the end product, debugging and testing. Each of these steps must be completed before the products can be released into the market.

The primary focus of Parthus was on the completion of Project A, not only as a stand alone architecture but also with the ability to fully integrate it with existing and future Parthus technology platforms. Costs of approximately \$700,000 were incurred on the completion of the Project A architecture. Project A was completed, in line with expectations, in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2001 and is the primary architecture used in Parthus' Machstream platform technology which Parthus is currently licensing.

In the third quarter of fiscal 2001, following a strategic review, Parthus decided to suspend further investment in Project B.

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Acquisition of minority interest in Silicon Systems Design Limited

On June 29, 2001 the Company acquired the remaining 20% minority interest in Silicon Systems Design Limited, a subsidiary of the Company, from STMicroelectronics Srl.

The purchase price was \$38,602,000 before acquisition costs of \$38,000, comprising cash of \$12,998,000 and the issuance of 18,393,670 new ordinary shares with a fair market value of \$25,604,000. The fair market value of the issued shares was determined based on the average market price of Parthus' shares over the 5-day period before and after the terms of the acquisition were agreed to and announced. The excess of total purchase consideration of \$38,640,000 including acquisition costs over the fair value of the minority interest acquired of \$1,009,000 (note 12) has been allocated to goodwill.

### Proforma information

The proforma effect of the acquisitions of Chicory Systems Inc. and the minority interest in Silicon Systems Design Limited if completed on January 1, 2001, would have resulted in revenues, net loss and basic and diluted loss per ordinary share of \$40,919,000, \$43,769,000 and \$0.076 respectively for the year ended December 31, 2001. The proforma effect of the acquisitions, if completed on January 1, 2000 would have resulted in revenues, net loss and basic and diluted loss per ordinary share of \$31,920,000, \$32,690,000 and \$0.064 respectively for the year ended December 31, 2000. The unaudited proforma information does not purport to represent what the Company's results of operations would actually have been had the acquisition occurred on such dates, nor does it purport to represent the results of operations of the Company for any future period.

# Acquisition of the UK based GPS business of Symmetricom Limited

On March 29, 2000 the Company acquired the UK based GPS business of Symmetricom Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Symmetricom, Inc., for cash consideration of \$6,453,000. On the same date, Symmetricom Inc. subscribed for 2,045,000 ordinary shares for consideration of \$1,859,000. The business combination has been accounted for as a purchase. The total purchase consideration of \$8,312,000 was allocated as follows:

	the first state			(in thousands)
Plant and equipment	•	 •••••	•••••	\$ 896
InventoryIntangible assets—pate				1,095 6.321
Participation of the control of the			-	\$8,312

The patents acquired have an estimated life of five years.

#### 9. Goodwill

							' '	•	Dece	mber 31,
•				*		•		•	2000	2001
		•	***	:	***			•	(in th	nousands)
Acquired di	aring year (ne	ote 8)		••••					\$—	\$70,515
Less: accun	nulated amor	tization				• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			_	(7,824)
									\$	\$62,691

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## 10. Intangible assets

	Decem	ber 31,
	2000	2001
	(in thou	isands)
Cost	\$ 7,321	\$ 6,793
Less: accumulated amortization	(1,081)	(2,361)
	\$ 6,240	\$ 4,432

Intangible assets represent the acquisition of certain intellectual property from Frontier Design on May 4, 2000 for cash consideration of \$1,000,000 together with the value of patents acquired on the purchase of the UK based GPS business of Symmetricom Limited in 2000.

## 11. Accrued liabilities

	Decen	nber 31,
	2000	2001
	(in the	ousands)
Salary accruals	\$2,429	\$ 4,047
CAD rental	1,094	312
Professional fees	374	1,052
Amount due to Forbairt, an Irish Government Agency	314	167
Share issue costs accruals	1,658	51
Other accruals	3,569	5,549
	\$9,438	\$11,178

## 12. Minority interest

	Decem	ber 31,
	2000	2001
	(in tho	usands)
Opening balance	\$ 909	\$ 1,001
Share of profit for year	204	100
Currency translation adjustment	(112)	(92)
Minority interest acquired (note 8)	_	(1,009)
	\$1,001	\$

#### 13. Redeemable shares

The Company paid dividends of \$15,000 during the year ended December 31, 2000 to holders of 4% cumulative redeemable preference shares. These shares were redeemed for cash at par on April 7, 2000.

The Company redeemed 50,000 redeemable preference shares of €1.269738 each and 16,527,600 "B" redeemable preference shares of €0.031743 each for cash at par on April 7, 2000.

In 1994 and 1995 the Company raised finance through the issue of 29,230,400 redeemable ordinary shares with put and call option arrangements to enable the investors to call upon the Company to buy out the investors'

### NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued)

redeemable ordinary shares at a price to be determined based upon a multiple of ten times one year's average of the after tax profits in a specified three year period prior to the exercise of the option. In the year to December 31, 1999, 19,000,000 redeemable ordinary shares were repurchased for cash of \$664,000. The difference between the carrying amount and the estimated repurchase price of the redeemable ordinary shares was accreted to income over the term of the related financing. The Company redeemed the remaining 10,230,400 redeemable ordinary shares in April 2000 for cash of \$295,000.

## 14. Equity share capital

On April 7, 2000 the Company reorganized its equity share capital. The Company reclassified 96,901,920 "A" convertible preferred ordinary shares and 14,022,800 "C" deferred ordinary shares in issue into an equal number of ordinary shares. Following the reorganization, the Company had one class of shares in issue. All references to ordinary shares, "A" convertible preferred ordinary shares and "C" deferred ordinary shares were restated to reflect the capital reorganization of April 7, 2000.

On February 29, 2000 the Company effected a stock split of four ordinary shares for each one ordinary share outstanding at that date.

On April 20, 2000 the Company effected a stock split of 10 ordinary shares for each one ordinary share outstanding at that date.

All references to share and per share amounts have been restated to reflect these stock splits.

Holders of ordinary shares will be entitled to receive such dividends as may be recommended by the board of directors of the Company and approved by the shareholders as the board of directors of the Company may decide.

On March 29, 2000 Symmetricom, Inc. subscribed for 2,045,000 ordinary shares as part of the acquisition by the Company of the UK based GPS business of Symmetricom Limited (see note 8).

On March 29, 2000 3 Com Ventures Inc. subscribed for 4,398,720 ordinary shares for cash consideration of \$4 million.

On March 31, 2000 ARM Limited subscribed for 2,199,360 ordinary shares for cash consideration of \$2 million.

On May 19, 2000 the Company completed an initial public offering ("IPO") of its shares on both the Nasdaq National Market and London Stock Exchange. The Company issued a total of 111,309,328 ordinary shares for gross proceeds of \$140.2 million. Expenses incurred in connection with the offering amounted to \$12.5 million.

On November 8, 2000 the Company completed an offering of 8,300,705 ordinary shares for gross proceeds of \$23.9 million. Expenses incurred in connection with the offering amounted to \$1.7 million.

In June 2000, the Company approved the introduction of an Employee Share Purchase Plan ("ESPP") which provides eligible employees with the opportunity to purchase ordinary shares in the form of American Depositary Shares ("ADSs") at a price of 85% of the ADS market value over a designated period. Substantially all employees are eligible to participate and shares are offered based on a percentage of salary up to a specified maximum value. Employees may exercise their purchase right on a twice yearly basis. A total of 500,000 ADSs

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have been reserved for issuance under this plan. On December 30, 2000 the Company issued 39,186 ADSs to employees under the ESPP. During the year ended December 31, 2001, the Company issued a total of 199,292 ADSs (equivalent to 1,992,920 ordinary shares) to employees under the ESPP for consideration of \$1 million.

During the years ended December 31, 2000 and 2001 employees exercised 39,477,264 and 7,976,400 options to purchase ordinary shares for gross proceeds of \$1.4 million and \$1.2 million respectively.

On May 22, 2001 the Company issued 22,221,442 ordinary shares with a fair market value of \$31,733,000 as part consideration for the purchase of Chicory Systems Inc. (see note 8).

On June 29, 2001 the Company issued 18,393,670 ordinary shares with a fair market value of \$25,604,000 as part consideration for the acquisition of the 20% interest in Silicon Systems Design Limited not owned by the Company (see note 8).

### 15. Share options

Non cash stock compensation expenses of \$52,000, \$5,540,000 and \$1,806,000 for the years ended December 31 1999, 2000 and 2001 have been recorded as follows:

	Year	Ended Dec	ember 31,
	1999	2000	2001
and the confidence of the contract of the cont		(in thousar	ids)
Research and development	\$36	\$ 923	\$1,416
Sales and marketing	12	120	197
General and administrative	4	4,497	193
	\$ <u>52</u>	\$5,540	\$1,806

The Company granted 23,705,600 options over ordinary shares of €0.000317 each to employees in December 1996 at an exercise price of €0.007936 (\$0.008) per share, the estimated market value of an ordinary share in the Company at that date. All of these options were exercised during the year ended December 31, 2000.

On March 30, 1998, the Board of Directors approved the introduction of a fixed share option plan ("the plan"), to include previous option grants. At the annual general meeting held on May 10, 2001, the shareholders approved an increase in the number of options that may be granted to 20% of the enlarged fully diluted share capital as at that date.

Under the terms of the plan, options may be granted to employees, consultants, or directors of the Company and any of its subsidiaries. The option holder shall be entitled, to exercise an option in respect of 25% of the total number of shares which are subject to option on the first anniversary of the date of grant. On each successive month thereafter, the option holder shall be entitled to exercise options in respect of 1/48th of the total number of shares subject to option. All unexercised options shall lapse on the seventh anniversary of the date of grant. All shares allotted under the plan rank pari passu in all respects with the ordinary shares of the Company.

No option may be sold, pledged, assigned, transferred or otherwise disposed of in any other manner by the optionee during his lifetime. Options will lapse to the extent that they have not been exercised by the earliest of the seventh anniversary of its date of grant, the expiration of twelve months from the date of death of the optionee or the date of cessation of the optionee as an employee or Director of the Company. The plan will be administered by the Remuneration Committee of the Board of the Company.

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During 1999, the Company recognized deferred compensation cost of \$2,726,000, which is being amortized on a straight line basis over the vesting period of the options, and compensation expense of \$52,000 for those instances in which the exercise price of the Company's options were less than the estimated fair market value of the underlying shares on the date of grant.

In 2000, the Company recognized total deferred compensation cost of \$7,013,000, of which \$2,633,000 is being amortized on a straight line basis. Compensation expense of \$5,540,000 was recorded for the year ended December 31, 2000 including an amount of \$4,380,000 arising from the grant in December 1998, of an option to purchase 2,000,000 shares to each of Mr. Brian Long and Mr. Peter McManamon at an exercise price of \$0.165115 per ordinary share. The options were exercisable in a two year period from the occurrence of an Option Event as defined in the option agreements. The option agreements were amended in April 2000 to provide that an Option Event was the date on which final agreement was reached between the Company and the underwriters on the offer price of the Company's shares in its initial public offering and the underwriting agreement was signed. The compensation cost of \$4,380,000 was established on the date the Option Event occurred, May 19, 2000 and was recorded as an expense at that time as the options fully vested on that date.

The Company recognized deferred compensation cost of \$2,711,000 during the year ended December 31, 2001 on the purchase of Chicory Systems Inc. representing the intrinsic value arising on the grant of options over ordinary shares in the Company in exchange for unvested shares in the acquired company. This cost is being amortized on a straight line basis.

Other than the assumption of options on the acquisition of Chicory Systems Inc., all options granted subsequent to the IPO on May 19, 2000 have been granted at exercise prices equal to market value on the date of grant.

The following table summarizes the transactions for the Company's share option plans for the years ended December 31, 2001:

	Options outstanding	Weighted average exercise price
Outstanding at December 31, 1998	52,575,600	\$0.032
Cancelled	(1,648,000)	\$0.032
Granted	18,162,000	\$0.165
Outstanding at December 31, 1999	69,089,600	\$0.067
Cancelled	(3,056,050)	\$2.236
Granted	30,212,000	\$1.638
Exercised	(39,477,264)	\$0.038
Outstanding at December 31, 2000	56,768,286	\$0.806
Cancelled	(6,949,350)	\$1.132
Granted	40,979,537	\$0.446
Exercised	(7,976,400)	\$0.146
Outstanding at December 31, 2001	82,822,073	\$0.664

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The following table summarizes information concerning outstanding and exercisable share options as of December 31, 2001:

		Options (	Outstanding	Options E	xercisable
Exercise Price	Number of Shares	Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted Average Excercise Price	Number of Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$0.031—\$0.165	22,589,353	3.5 years	\$0.120	12,478,984	\$0.119
\$0.285—\$0.750	41,667,160	6.5 years	\$0.437	3,155,280	\$0.750
\$0.909—\$1.126	6,513,160	5.7 years	\$0.972	2,338,090	\$0.967
\$1.150—\$2.700	12,052,400	5.5 years	\$2.302	4,048,070	\$2.390

The weighted average fair value of the options granted in fiscal 1999, 2000 and 2001 was \$0.034, \$0.842 and \$0.352 respectively. The fair value was estimated using the minimum value method in 1999 and the Black-Scholes option pricing method in 2000 and 2001 with the following assumptions: no expected dividend yield, expected volatility of 80%, risk free interest rate of 5% and an expected life of 5 years.

Had the Company determined compensation expense based on the fair value at the grant date for these options under SFAS No. 123, the Company's net income for the three years ending December 31, 2001 would have been reduced to the pro-forma amounts indicated below.

	Year ended December 31,		
	1999	2000	2001
	(in thousands, except per share data)		
Net loss as reported			
— as reported	\$(2,612)	\$(16,058)	\$(34,659)
— pro-forma		\$(14,898)	\$(32,853)
Basic and diluted net loss per Ordinary Share			
— as reported	\$(0.007)	\$ (0.034)	\$ (0.062)
— pro-forma		\$ (0.032)	\$ (0.059)

## 16. Interest expense

		Tear ende ecember	
	1999	2000	2001
	(in	thousan	ids)
Accretion of redeemable preference shares	\$27	<u>\$—</u>	
	\$27	<u>\$—</u>	<u>\$—</u>

## 17. Restructuring charge

Restructuring charges of \$765,000, representing severance costs, arise from the Company's headcount reduction in December 2001.

#### 18. Income taxes

The Irish, US and UK subsidiaries file tax returns in Ireland, the United States and the United Kingdom, respectively.

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The components of income before provision for income tax expenses are as follows:

•			Ye	ar ended Dec	ember 31,
		. •	1999	2000	2001
	•			(in thousa	nds)
Ireland			\$—	\$(21,045	(41,654)
Other				6,207	7,295
		•	<u>\$—</u>	\$(14,838	\$(34,359)
		•	N .		*
Provision for income taxes:	**				
					d December 31,
•		•		1999 20	000 2001
			• '	(in the	ousands)
Ireland	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •			<b>\$</b> — \$	— \$

300

\$1.205

The Company's consolidated effective tax rate differed from the statutory rate as set forth below:

Other.....

	Year ended December 31,				
	1999	2000	2001		
	(in thousands)				
Taxes at Irish statutory rate of 20% in 2001; (24% in 2000) (28% in					
1999);	\$(716)	\$(3,561)	\$(6,872)		
Income taxed at reduced rates	_	284	(1,026)		
Losses at reduced rates	498	2,297	5,571		
Movement in valuation allowance	229	2,264	2,707		
Other	(11)	(79)	(80)		
	\$	\$ 1,205	\$ 300		

The tax effects of temporary differences that give rise to significant portions of deferred tax assets are as follows:

	As of December 31,		
	2000	2001	
	(in thou	sands)	
Deferred tax assets:			
Benefit of tax operating losses	\$ 2,548	\$ 5,255	
Less: Valuation allowance	(2,548)	(5,255)	
	<u>\$</u>	<u> </u>	

The Company has provided a valuation allowance for the total amount of deferred tax assets as realization of these assets is not deemed likely principally due to the occurrence of operating losses.

Some of the Company's operating subsidiaries are taxed at rates substantially lower than US and UK rates. Two Irish subsidiary companies currently qualify for a 10% tax rate, which under current legislation will remain

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in force until December 31, 2010. Three other Irish subsidiaries qualify for an exemption from income tax as their revenue source is licence fees from qualifying patents within the meaning of Section 234 of the Irish Taxes Consolidation Act 1997.

#### 19. Employee benefits

Certain Group employees are eligible to participate in a defined contribution pension plan (the "plan"). Participants in the plan may elect to defer a portion of their pre-tax earnings into the plan, which is run by an independent party. The Group makes pension contributions at rates varying between 10% and 15% of the participant's pensionable salary. Contributions to this plan are recorded as an expense in the consolidated statement of operations.

The Group's US operations maintain a retirement plan (the "US Plan") that qualifies as a deferred salary arrangement under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Participants in the US Plan may elect to defer a portion of their pre-tax earnings, up to the Internal Revenue Service annual contribution limit. The Company matches 100% of each participant's contributions up to a maximum of 6% of employee's base pay. Each participant may contribute up to 15% of base remuneration. Contributions to this plan are recorded in the year contributed as an expense in the consolidated statement of operations.

Total contributions for the years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001 were \$848,000, \$1,529,000 and \$1,727,000, respectively.

## 20. Business Segment Information

The directors are of the opinion that the Company operates in a single industry segment. The analysis of the Company's operations by geographical area is as follows:

Revenue by destination

	Year	Year ended December 31,				
	1999	2000	2001			
	,	(in thousands)				
United States	\$ 6,161	\$15,095	\$19,369			
Europe, Middle East and Africa	12,879	14,903	17,012			
Asia		1,922	4,538			
Total	\$19,040	\$31,920	\$40,919			

Other than \$4,444,000 of revenue which originates in the UK, all of the Company's revenue originates in Ireland. ST Microelectronics Srl., a company based in Italy, accounts for a significant portion of the Company's revenues. (See note 3).

Loss from operations by origin

	Year	Year ended December 31,			
	1999	2000	2001		
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Ireland	. \$(2,818)	\$(21,287)	\$(41,366)		
United Kingdom	. (165)	37	219		
United States	. 114	(86)	419		
Rest of world	. —	922	316		
Total	. \$(2,869)	\$(20,414)	\$(40,412)		

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Property, plant and equipment by origin-

		ended ber 31,
	2000	2001
	(in tho	usands)
Ireland	\$3,315	\$5,027
United States	659	1,438
Total	\$4,891	\$7,691

# Depreciation by origin

1000					Year ended December 31,		
$(\mathbf{t}_{i}) = \mathbf{t}_{i}(\mathbf{t}_{i}) = \mathbf{t}_{i}(\mathbf{t}_{i})$					1999	2000	2001
•					(i	n thousand	s) -
Ireland		 	 	***************************************	\$ 973	\$1,360	\$1,670
United Kingdom		 	 		1 93.	460	575
United States	,	 	 		23	124	423
Total					\$1,089	\$1,944	\$2,668

## Capital expenditures by origin

and the second of the second o		Year ended December 31,		
		1999	2000	2001
	_	(i	n thousand	s)
Ireland	\$	997	\$2,676	\$3,555
United Kingdom		48	230	911
United States	······ <u> </u>	236	522	1,072
Total	§	1,281	\$3,428	\$5,538

The following table sets forth the clients which represented 10% or more of the Company's net revenue in each of the periods set out below.

		Year e	ber 31,	
\$	F	1999	2000	2001
		(	in thousands	
			\$12,442	\$12,592
Client B	 	 \$ —	\$ 3,379	\$ —

# 21. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company is not party to any litigation or other legal proceedings that the Company believes could reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition.

Under the terms of capital grant agreements, amounts received of \$1,034,000 may become repayable in full should certain circumstances specified within the grant agreements occur. The Company has not recognized any loss contingency, having assessed as remote the likelihood of these events arising.

# NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS—(Continued)

The Company has several non-cancellable operating leases, primarily for equipment. These leases generally contain renewal options and require the Company to pay all executory costs such as maintenance and insurance.

The Company paid \$ 631,000, \$1,176,641 and \$1,699,309 in rental expense for the fiscal years ended December 31, 1999, 2000 and 2001, respectively.

Future minimum rental commitments for operating leases with non-cancellable terms in excess of one year are as follows:

	Minimum rental payments
2002	(in thousands) \$1,746
2003	\$1,407
2004 2005	·
2006	\$ 908

## 22. Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information

	Year ended December 31,					
	1999 2000		2001			
	(in thousands)					
Cash paid for interest	\$	\$ -		\$	_	
Cash paid for income taxes	\$249	\$	4	\$	395	
Shares issued as non cash consideration	\$	\$1,8	359	\$5 <sup>′</sup>	7,337	

#### 23. Subsequent Events—Unaudited Information

In April 2002, the company announced that it had entered into an agreement with DSP Group, Inc and Ceva Inc., providing for the merger of Parthus with Ceva, the intellectual property subsidiary of DSP Group. This combination to be effected by a merger of equals, has been unanimously approved by the board of directors of both companies. The new combined company, to be called Parthus Ceva, Inc., will be incorporated in Delaware and headquartered in San Jose, California, with principal executive offices in Dublin, Ireland and Herzeliya, Israel.

Following the announcement of the company's intention to enter into a combination agreement with Ceva, Inc., the company agreed to issue an aggregate of 2,114,109 Parthus ordinary shares effective May 28, 2002 to the former shareholders of Chicory Systems, Inc., in full satisfaction of the company's obligations with respect to a contingent issuance of a further 21.9 million ordinary shares in connection with the Company's acquisition of Chicory. The 2,114,109 share issuance will be accounted for as additional purchase consideration and recorded as additional goodwill of \$887,926 in the second quarter of 2002.



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2 September 2002

Dear Shareholder,

## Proposed combination of Parthus and Ceva

On 5 April 2002, the boards of Parthus and DSPG Group, Inc. ("DSPG") announced that terms had been agreed on the proposed combination of Parthus and Ceva, Inc. ("Ceva"), the DSP cores licensing business of DSPG (the "Combination"). The combined company will be called ParthusCeva, Inc. ("ParthusCeva") and its shares will be tradeable on the Nasdaq National Market and the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities.

The Combination requires the approval of, amongst others, the shareholders of Parthus at an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") and at Shareholder Meetings convened by the Irish High Court (the "Court Meetings"). In furtherance of this, we enclose:

- a Circular containing details of the Combination and how it is to be effected together with the notices convening the EGM and the Court Meetings;
- the Forms of Proxy for the EGM and the Court Meetings; and
- Listing Particulars of Ceva (which will be re-named ParthusCeva) in relation to its application to be admitted to the Official List and to trade on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities.

It is important that, for the Court Meetings in particular, as many votes as possible are cast so that the Irish High Court may be satisfied that there is a fair representation of Shareholders. You are therefore strongly urged to sign and return all the enclosed Forms of Proxy as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Long Director and

Chief Executive Officer

The directors of Parthus accept responsibility for the information contained in this letter relating to the Parthus Group, the Parthus Directors, their immediate families, related trusts and persons connected with them. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the Parthus Directors (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this letter for which they are responsible is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.

The directors of DSPG and Ceva accept responsibility for the information contained in this letter other than that relating to the Parthus Group, the Parthus Directors, their immediate families, related trusts and persons connected with them. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the directors of DSPG and Ceva (who have taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case), the information contained in this letter for which they are responsible is in accordance with the facts and does not omit anything likely to affect the import of such information.



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2 September 2002

Dear ADS holder,

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The Combination requires the approval of, amongst others, the shareholders of Parthus at an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM") and at Shareholder Meetings convened by the Irish High Court in Dublin (the "Court Meetings").

Please note that as an ADS holder you will not be entitled to attend the EGM or the Court Meetings or to be present at the Irish High Court hearing to approve the Combination, although JPMorgan Chase Bank, the Depositary for the ADSs, is holder of record of the ordinary shares underlying the ADSs and will therefore be so entitled and it will vote in accordance with instructions received from you. Please refer to the enclosed Circular, and, in particular, paragraph 11 of Part 3 thereof, which contains important information which is relevant to you and details the steps to be taken by you to either (i) instruct the Depositary how you wish it to vote; or (ii) enable you to attend the EGM and/or the Court Meetings and/or be present at the Irish High Court hearing to approve the Combination. In furtherance of this, we enclose:

- a Circular containing details of the Combination and how it is to be effected together with the notices convening the EGM and relevant Court Meetings;
- a Voting Instruction Card; and
- Listing Particulars of Ceva (to be re-named ParthusCeva) in relation to its application to be admitted to the Official List and to trade on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities.

Please note that the issuance of shares of ParthusCeva common stock to Parthus ADS holders in the Combination will be made pursuant to an exemption from the registration requirements of the U.S. Securities Act of 1933. The shares of ParthusCeva common stock to be issued to you in the Combination (assuming you are not an "affiliate" of Parthus or of ParthusCeva) will be freely tradeable on the Nasdaq National Market as well as on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities.

It is important that, for the Court Meetings in particular, as many votes as possible are cast so that the Irish High Court may be satisfied that there is a fair representation of Shareholders. You are therefore strongly urged to sign and return the enclosed Voting Instruction Card as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Long Director and

Chief Executive Officer

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2 September 2002

Dear Optionholder,

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The Combination requires the approval of, amongst others, the optionholders of Parthus at Optionholder Meetings convened by the Irish High Court (the "Court Meetings"). In furtherance of this, we enclose:

- a Circular containing details of the Combination and how it is to be effected together with the notices convening the Court Meetings;
- the Forms of Proxy for the Court Meetings; and
- Listing Particulars of Ceva (to be re-named ParthusCeva) in relation to its application to be admitted to the Official List and to trade on the London Stock Exchange's market for listed securities.

As part of the Combination, Parthus and Ceva have agreed to the repricing of certain Parthus share options as described in paragraph 9 of Part 3 of the enclosed Circular. The repricing will only take place if DSPG receives a favourable supplemental tax ruling from the US Internal Revenue Service. In any event, ParthusCeva will assume all outstanding Parthus share options and share schemes that govern them. These options will continue with the same terms and conditions, except that they will become options to purchase shares of ParthusCeva common stock. Following the Combination, you will not be able to purchase Parthus ordinary shares or ADSs upon the exercise of your options. Please refer to the enclosed Circular, and, in particular, paragraph 9 of Part 3 thereof, which contains important information which is relevant to you.

Please note that you will only be entitled to participate in the US\$60 million capital repayment, as detailed in the enclosed Circular, if you exercise your vested share options prior to 10:00 p.m. Dublin time two days prior to the closing date of the Combination, which is expected to be 17 October 2002 ("Effective Date"). Accordingly, you may not exercise any Parthus share options during the period beginning at 10:00 p.m. Dublin time two days prior to the closing date of the Combination and ending at approximately 2:30 p.m. on the Effective Date.

It is important that, for the Court Meeting in particular, as many votes as possible are cast so that the High Court may be satisfied that there is a fair representation of Optionholders. You are therefore strongly urged to sign and return all the enclosed Forms of Proxy as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Brian Long Director and

Chief Executive Officer

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